



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)



St. Jude's Shrine, April 27, 2025.

COMMENTARY Brothers and sisters, the announcement of the Lord's Easter still resounds in our hearts. God showed his infinite mercy when, through the death and resurrection of his Son, he restored to us the hope of eternal life. It was on the first day of the week, on a Sunday like this one, that he entered where his disciples were gathered to offer them the gift of peace. Let us welcome the Lord who has gathered us together to offer us this gift once again, and let us be prepared to be witnesses of his mercy in the world and builders of peace. Let us stand and begin our holy Eucharistic Celebration with the entrance hymn, and welcome **Father Emerson Ruiz**.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. ENTRANCE SONG

(4x)

Eternal is your love.

Faithful is your Word.

Holy is your name, God of mercy.

2. GREETINGS

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. All: **Amen**.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you All. All: **And with your spirit.**

3. PENITENTIAL ACT

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

All: **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (And, striking the breast, say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.**

Celebrant: May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. All: **Amen**.

Lord have mercy (3x)

Christ have mercy (3x)

Lord have mercy (3x)

4. GLORY

(2x) **Glory to God in the highest**

And on Earth, peace to people of good will

1. We praise You, We bless You
We adore You, We glorify You
We give You thanks for Your great glory
Lord God, He King
O God, Almighty Father

2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father

You take away the sins of the World, have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the World, receive our pray'r
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

3. For You alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord
You alone are the Most High - Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit
In the glory of God the Father **Amen**

5. LET US PRAY

Celebrant: God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. All: **Amen**.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

6. FIRST READING (Acts 5:12-16)

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

7. RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 118: 2-4,13-15, 22-24)

R. (1) **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

Response

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

Response

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

8. SECOND READING (Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19)

A Reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

9. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn 20:29)

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)

10. GOSPEL READING (Jn 20:19-31)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you!

All: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel, † according to John:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus

said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

11. PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLE'S CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

All: Amen.

12. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, the risen Christ is among us and, by his Divine Mercy, comes to our aid. Like the Christians of the first communities, united in one heart and one soul, let us pray together:

Response: Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, hear our prayer! 1.

1. Lord Jesus, who accepted the weakness of Thomas' faith, enabling him to see in order to believe; accept our efforts to become a Church that increasingly bears witness to his faith. **Response**
2. Lord Jesus, every day our faith is put to the test; grant us the grace not to give in to the temptations of the world that jeopardize our trust in you alone. **Response**
3. Lord, who through Easter you have given us a taste of your mercy, calling us to a living hope and to an inheritance that does not let us lose heart; support the weak, console the sick, and help the suffering people of this great city. **Response**
4. Lord, who appointed bishops as successors of the apostles, accompany our bishops of Brazil who will gather in Assembly. **Response**

(other prayers of the community)

Celebrant: We ask all this of You, who live and reign forever. **All: Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

13. OFFERING SONG

**Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours.**

1. Yours as we stand

At the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread
Our hearts can't forget.

2. We are the signs
Of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours
Refrain
3. Your holy people
Stand washed in your blood,
Spirit filled, yet hungry,
We await your food
4. Poor though we are,
We have brought
Ourselves to you;
We are yours, we are yours.
Refrain

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

14. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Let us Pray

Celebrant: Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people, that, renewed by confession of your name and by baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

15. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right and just.

Preface II:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Through him the children of light rise to eternal life and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom are thrown open to the faithful; for his Death is our ransom from death, and in his rising the life of all has risen. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim: **Holy, Holy...**

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of host
Heaven and Earth,
Are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest (2x)

Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest (2x)

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the

sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

(Epicles calling upon the Holy Spirit) (Kneel down)

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and † Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

(Institution Narrative) (recalling the words of Jesus at the Last supper)

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Celebrant: The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

(Anamnesis, Offering, and Intercessions) (Stand up)

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Her spouse St. Joseph, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (St. Jude) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with **Odilo our Bishop**, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

† To our departed brothers and sisters (**your servant FRANCIS our Pope**) and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, and give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy forever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.†

(Doxology and Great Amen)

Celebrant: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

16. COMMUNION RITE

Celebrant: At the Savior's command, formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord; we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, Who live and reign for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also, with you.**

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

17. LAMB OF GOD

(2x) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World: **have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World: **grant us, grant us peace.**

Celebrant: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

18. COMMUNION SONG

1. Jesus pour out Your Spirit on me
Jesus pour out Your Grace
Jesus pour out Your Mercy on me
Jesus I trust in You

2. Jesus pour out Your Spirit on us
Jesus pour out Your Grace
Jesus pour out Your Mercy on us
Jesus we trust in You

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One
Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us all
Holy God, Holy Mighty One
Soul & Divinity of Your Beloved Son – Jesus Christ**

3. Father, we offer You the Body & Blood
Of Your Son Our Lord Jesus Christ
To pay for our sins and the sins of the World
Jesus, we trust in You
Refrain (2x)

*I trust in You, Jesus Christ
We trust in You, Jesus Christ
I trust in You, Jesus Christ
The whole World trust in you*

19. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

Celebrant: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

20. FINAL BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant: May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten son was please to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing. All: **Amen**

Celebrant: May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance. All: **Amen**

Celebrant: And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with him in the homeland of heaven. All: **Amen**

Celebrant: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son † and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you forever. All: **Amen**

Celebrant: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

21. FINAL SONG

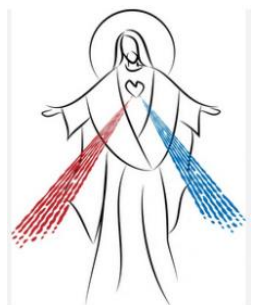
The stone has been rolled away and freedom is witnessed today.

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is risen today!

1. Ev'ry woman, ev'ry man, ev'ry child;
Our God has promised us new life!
Refrain

2. No more silence, no more fear, no more tears.
Receive the gifts of peace and hope.
Refrain (twice)

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is risen today!



**Our English mass
is on every 4th Sunday of the
month at 10 am. at St. Jude's
shrine (old church).
See you on MAY 25.**