



# EUCHALETTE



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3rd Sunday of Easter

Year B

## Making Sense of It All

In this third Sunday of Easter, we continue to meet the Risen Christ. He sets the hearts of his disciples at peace and opens their minds to understand the message of the Scriptures concerning his destiny of pain and glory.

It is only in the light of the Resurrection that we are able to make sense of the violent passion and death of Christ. It is likewise in the light of his resurrection and the eternal life he earned for us that we can come to accept the trials of life with faith and patience.

Only in the Risen Christ can we make sense and oppose the many forms of death that threaten our existence. In this Eucharist, let us ask for an increase in faith, patience and strength for ourselves and all the people we love.



### INTRODUCTORY RITES



#### Entrance Antiphon

*(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)*

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

#### Greeting

*P* –The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!  
*All* –**And with your spirit!**

#### Penitential Act

*P* –Coming together as God's family, with humble trust, let us ask the Lord's forgiveness for all our sins. *(Pause)*

*P* –Lord Jesus, you are the Holy and Righteous One. Lord, have mercy!

*All* –**Lord, have mercy!**

*P* –Lord Jesus, you are the Au-

thor of Life. Christ, have mercy!

*All* –**Christ, have mercy!**

*P* –Lord Jesus, you are our Intercessor in the presence of the Father. Lord, have mercy!

*All* –**Lord, have mercy!**

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

#### Gloria

*All* – Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

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 prayer; you are seated at the right

hand of the Father, have mercy on us. 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!

#### Collect (Opening Prayer)

*P* –May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* –**Amen!**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD



**1st Reading** Acts 3:13-15.17.19  
*Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, was the core*

of the Apostles' preaching. We see this exemplified in the speech of St. Peter, soon after having healed a man who had been a cripple from birth.

**R** – A proclamation from the Acts of the Apostles

**Peter said to the people:** “*The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him.*

*You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The Author of Life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead. Of this we are witnesses.*

Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer.

Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

The Word of the Lord!  
**All**–Thanks be to God!

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 4

**R** –Lord, let your face shine on us!



\* **When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer!** **R.**

\* **Know that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one; the Lord will hear me when I call upon him.** **R.**

\* **O Lord, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.** **R.**

\* **As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling.** **R.**

**2nd Reading** 1 Jn 2:1-5

*The apostle John reminds us that our salvation comes from Jesus, and to know and love God is not just a matter of mind and feelings. It is, first of all, a matter of keeping His commandments.*

**R** – A proclamation from the First Letter of John

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them.

But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

The Word of the Lord!  
**All**–Thanks be to God!

**Gospel Acclamation** Lk 24:32

**All**–Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Lk 24:35-48

*Soon after having enlightened the two disciples of Emmaus, the Risen Christ appears to the rest of his disciples in Jerusalem. He does this to strengthen their faith in his resurrection and help them*

*understand the Scripture passages about him.*

**P** –The Lord be with you!  
**All**–**And with your spirit!**

**P** – A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**All**–**Glory to you, O Lord!**

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish. He took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the *third day* and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord!  
**All**–**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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GLOSSARY: • The God of Abraham . . . the God of our fathers: This phrase is often found in the Old Testament as a title of God. It emphasizes the continuity of His plan, and His faithfulness to the promises He had made to Abraham and his descendants. • Holy and Righteous One: These two titles are often attributed to God in the Bible. Here they are attributed to Jesus to state forcefully that he is the promised Messiah. • Author of Life: A title of Jesus Christ, the source of the life-giving blessings bestowed on all mankind. • The Third Day: Jesus had already announced beforehand that he would rise from death “on the third day.” This phrase is taken from Hosea 6:2 and indicates the “Day of the Lord,” i.e., the day of God’s victorious intervention against His enemies.

## Homily

### Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

*All*—I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

### Prayer of the Faithful

*P* —Our whole life should bear witness to the truth that we are saved by Jesus' death and resurrection. Aware of our inadequacy to do so, we pray:

*All*—**Lord, graciously hear us!**

*C* —That the entire Church, under the guidance of its leaders, may never grow weary of proclaiming the Resurrection and bear witness to it, let us pray! *R.*

*C* —That all those who suffer may find in the resurrection of Christ the surest source of con-

solation and hope, let us pray!*R.*

*C* —That those who doubt the reality of Christ's resurrection may be helped to believe by the exemplary life of all the faithful, let us pray! *R.*

*C* —That all the victims of natural calamities and human violence may experience the concrete support of all those who believe in the resurrection of Christ, let us pray! *R.*

*C* —That all of us who are gathered here to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord may experience its life-giving power in our daily activity, let us pray! *R.*

*C* —Let us pray in silence for our personal intentions. (*Pause*)  
Let us pray! *R.*

*P* —Jesus, help us to overcome the deadly effects of our sinfulness and to become signs of your resurrection to all our brothers and sisters. You who live and reign for ever and ever.

*All*—**Amen!**



### Preparation of the Gifts

*P* —Pray, brethren . . .

*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.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

*P* —Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

*All*—**Amen!**

### Preface of Easter V

*P* —The Lord be with you!

*All*—**And with your spirit!**

*P* —Lift up your hearts!

*All*—**We lift them up to the Lord!**

*P* —Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

*All*—**It is right and just!**

*P* —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.

By the oblation of his Body, he brought the sacrifices of old to fulfillment in the reality of the Cross and, by commending himself to you for our salvation, showed himself the Priest, the Altar, and the Lamb of sacrifice.

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:

*All*—**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

### Memorial Acclamation

*P* —The mystery of faith!

*All*—**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again!**



*All*—**Our Father . . .**

*P* —Deliver us, Lord . . .

*All*—**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

### Sign of Peace

### Breaking of the Bread

*All*—**Lamb of God . . .**

### Communion

*P* —Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

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

**Communion Antiphon**  
(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)

**The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.**

**Prayer after Communion**

**P** –Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.  
**All – Amen!**

**CONCLUDING RITES**



**P** –The Lord be with you.  
**All – And with your spirit!**

**P** –Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. (Pause)  
The Redeemer has given you lasting freedom. May you inherit his everlasting life.

**All – Amen!**

**P** –By faith you rose with Jesus in baptism. May your lives be holy, so that you will be united with him for ever.

**All – Amen!**

**P** –Jesus appeared to his disciples to strengthen their faith. May he strengthen your faith that you may witness to his resurrection in your daily lives.

**All – Amen!**

**P** –May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All – Amen!**

**P** –The Mass is ended. Go, and share the joy of the Risen Christ with all you meet today.

**All – Thanks be to God!**

## *In the Light of God's Word*

All pious Jews, including the disciples of Christ, were familiar with the content of the sacred writings. But although they knew the prophecies about the Messiah, they were unable to understand their essential message. Scripture was for them like a sealed scroll; like a locked treasure chest. Some sort of "veil" clouded their minds and hearts (see 2 Cor 3:14).



It took the explanations given them by the Risen Christ himself, for the disciples to understand that all that had happened to Jesus was in fulfillment of what the prophets had foretold (see Lk 24:44). Only then were their minds finally opened (see Lk 24:45); their hearts set afire (see Lk 24:32) and filled with joy (see Jn 20:20). They came to understand that the whole of Scripture is about the mystery of Christ. His death was not an accident, but a free sacrificial offering for the salvation of all men (see 1 Jn 2:2). It was part of God's plan (see Acts 2:23). Likewise, his resurrection was not a pious invention, but God's mighty work, the crowning fulfillment of all prophecies (see Acts 2:24-31).

From that moment on, especially after Jesus' ascension into heaven, the Scriptures became for the believers a continuous reminder of their crucified and risen Lord, and a privileged "place" where they could find him. By reading it, they could realize the faithfulness of God to His promises, and once again experience the presence of the glorified Christ among them as in the days immediately after the Resurrection.

It should be so even for us and for all generations of believers. We know we can encounter the risen Lord in many ways, particularly in the sacraments, and most especially in the Eucharist. But we can and should encounter him also in the sacred Scriptures. These are not simply books about Jesus. *The message they contain is the Word of God.* Christ is present in the inspired pages with his life-giving power (see S.C. 7). And we can experience his saving presence not only when the Scriptures are proclaimed in the liturgy, but also when we read in the home with the rest of the family or by ourselves. What matters is a humble, prayerful heart, open to receive the Word, understand it in the light of the teaching of the Church, and apply it to our lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

With such dispositions, every day can become Easterday. And we will be able to make sense of all that happens to us and around us, for everything will be seen in the light of God's Word.



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