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Celebrating Easter Sunday at Home

Sunday 17 April 2022

Easter Song

Perhaps choose an Easter Hymn or Song from YouTube or a CD to begin your time of prayer.

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

R. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Alleluia

'Alleluia' is our Easter song. We have fasted from singing it throughout Lent – saving it up for this moment. Why not sing the 'Alleluia' now, perhaps using one of the settings you know from Mass.

Gospel

(John 20: 1-9)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

You might like to read one of the reflections on the other side of this sheet.

Profession of Faith

During Lent, we have tried to become better Christians by giving something up or doing something extra. Our Lenten journey has brought us to this moment when we stand together and profess our faith. It is a way of making a new start with God and with each other. So, together, let's say:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

Take a moment to pray for those in need... for peace in the world... for those who are sick... for the people who are dear to you... for those who have died...

The Lord's Prayer

In the words Jesus gave us, we dare to pray:

**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.**

Blessing

May the Lord bless us, keep us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia!

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