



# EASTER DAY

*A resource for praying at home*



## THE INTRODUCTION

*Light a candle and give thanks in your heart for the Resurrection.*

*If you haven't used the Easter Vigil sheet, you might like to use some of that material in your worship this morning.*

*Sing (or read) this Easter hymn:*

**T**HE DAY OF RESURRECTION!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection-light;  
And, listening to his accents,  
May hear so calm and plain  
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful,  
And earth her song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes in gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.

*Then making the sign of the Cross say:*

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

*Pray for forgiveness for your sins and for the gift of new life in Christ.*

*Pray for a renewal in your spiritual life and a deepening of your communion with Christ.*

*Then say the Gloria (the words are in the Easter Vigil booklet).*

*Then say the Collect for Easter day*

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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. Amen.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*The readings are:*

*Acts 10:34,37-43*

*The Psalm is from Ps 118 (117 in Catholic bibles). For a recording see:*

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpoFJEeUcQE>.*

*Colossians 3:1-4*

*You might to listen to a recording of the Gospel Sequence - Victimae Paschali Laudes (Christians, to the Paschal Victim):*

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AneBNAmTyr8>.*

*Then say the Alleluia verse to greet the Gospel:*

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

*Then read the Gospel – John 20:1-9.*

*If you can, spend some time in silence reflecting on the readings. Then say the Apostle's Creed from the Easter Vigil booklet.*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Say the OUR FATHER. And then make your SPIRITUAL COMMUNION and THANKSGIVING, using the words from the Easter Vigil booklet.

Then sing or read this hymn. A recorded version is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tipsbcfuB4>

**T**HIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE,  
Away with sin and sorrow.  
My Love, the Crucified,  
Hath sprung to life this morrow:  
*Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now hath Christ arisen.*

2. My flesh in hope shall rest,  
And for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number: *refrain.*

3 Death's flood hath lost his chill,  
Since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver: *refrain.*

*Then say the Collect:* Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*And then pray for God's blessing, saying:*

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## HAPPY EASTER!