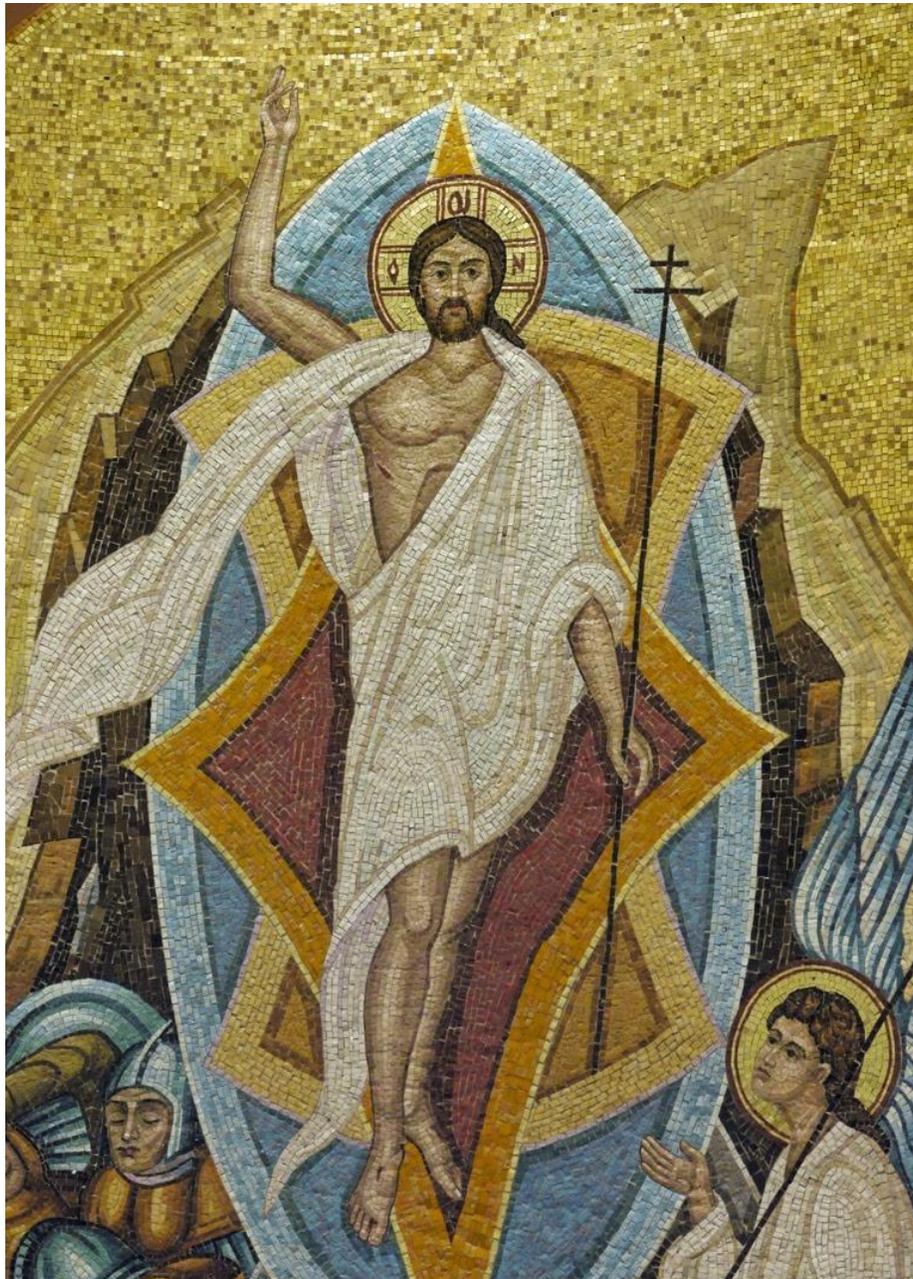


Easter Season Liturgy of the Word



Before gathering to pray, you are encouraged to gather some symbols of new life and things to decorate your prayer space, make it bright and colourful.

You will need:

- A Leader; Reader(s)
- Set up a prayer space including the symbols of new life you have gathered (also include a white or gold prayer cloth, candle, cross, bible)
- Access to music (if possible)- Examples of music that you can access via YouTube are listed throughout the liturgy. Choose what you will use and open the songs in different tabs, skip the ads, pause them ready for playing.
- Access today's Gospel via Connect@home
or <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/daily-mass-readings/>

If music is not available say the Entrance Antiphon.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Luke 24:34; cf. Rv 1:6

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia! Love is Alive- Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, Jesse Manibusan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VX6LsNoyczQ>

Come the Lord is Risen Today- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzy7jFNUc3w>

GREETING

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

ALL: Amen

LEADER: We celebrate the conquering of death in the Resurrection of Jesus. The Church has long celebrated this with an Easter greeting. Let us celebrate Easter by sharing this greeting with each other and those we encounter over this Easter season, whether in person, telephone or online.
Christ is Risen!

ALL: He is Risen indeed!

Everyone is encouraged to share this greeting with each other.

PENITENTIAL ACT

LEADER: Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our failings, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

LEADER: Lord Jesus, you have won victory over death: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: Christ Jesus, you are the joy of all who believe: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

LEADER: Lord Jesus, in you we are reborn: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA (to be included on Sundays and Feast Days)

LEADER: With peoples everywhere, let us glorify our God (in joyful song).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qb-2XUH-CMI>

or

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.

OPENING PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray

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.
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

GOSPEL Find today's Gospel at <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/daily-mass-readings/>

LEADER: A reading from the holy Gospel according to [Name]

The Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION

What feelings, thoughts and questions arose as you listened to this Gospel?

or

Read out the reflection from the Connect@home email for today.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

LEADER: Rejoicing in Christ's triumph over death, we bring our prayers before the God of Glory.

We pray for our Church, that we may proclaim the new life that Jesus Christ offers to all. In your Glory.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our leaders, that they may make decisions mindful of all, especially the most vulnerable in our society. In your Glory

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all followers of Jesus Christ, that they will find strength in their faith and draw inspiration from the Easter message. In your Glory.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the people who are alone or isolated, that they will find solace in your love and in the love of those around them. In your Glory.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died. In your Glory.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pause to allow others to mention any other prayers they may have.

For all those who have died, especially those we know and love, remembering those who have died in this last year. In your Glory.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

LEADER: Hear our prayers and help us to live as faithful witnesses who proclaim the good news of our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we are able to pray together.

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.
Amen

CONCLUDING PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray.

Nourished by the Word, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call.

Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May Almighty God bless us and keep us safe, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life, alleluia, alleluia.

ALL: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

FINAL SONG

Christ is Risen - Matt Maher https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mXeA0G_xKc

Resurrection Day- Rend Collective

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9u7V-g_cJaU

Sing to the Mountains- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zacE5ZlkcSE>

The Season of Easter lasts 50 Days, Jesus is alive, it's time to celebrate. Enjoy the party!

Why not save this [image](#) as the wallpaper on your phone or computer as a reminder of Easter.

