

Introductory Rites

A hymn may be sung. Then, making the Sign of the Cross, the family begins:

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

All: Amen.

Leader: We gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day. We are unable to be with our parish family. However, one with our brothers and sisters at Saint Andrew Parish, and with the entire Church, let us now listen to God's Word and join in prayer.

Penitential Act

Leader: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us acclaim the Father's forgiveness, for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick. Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners. Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your Body and Blood. Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

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, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 5:12-16

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.

Thanks be to God.

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.”

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

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:

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

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.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

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.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

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 nailmarks 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.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Apostle’s Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father
almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.
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.

Prayers of the Faithful – The Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Leader: **Our God of gracious and divine mercy gave us new birth in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and so we confidently turn to Him with our prayers:**

Our response is: **“Merciful Lord, Hear our Prayer”**

That on this Divine Mercy Sunday the Church will rededicate Herself to living and proclaiming Christ’s mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

That the holy witness of Saint John Paul II and St. Faustina will transfigure the Church and lead all people to sanctity, let us pray to the Lord.

For the nations and people of the world, especially those suffering and dying in Ukraine, that they may know the peace of the Risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who live in confusion, ignorance, skepticism or doubt, that they may be filled with the truth and light of the Risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

For the grace this week to face the trials and difficulties of life with the confidence and certainty that comes from the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

That God will protect from all evil and harm all those who serve in the protection and defense of life, especially our first responders and our service men and women serving at home and abroad, let us pray to the Lord.

That the prayers we hold in our hearts will be united with those of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, our patron Saint Andrew, and all the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord.

For all our relatives and friends who have died, and for the people of the parish, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: Loving Father, the Resurrection of Your Son gives us a new birth to a living hope. Let us live in that hope always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is recited by all.

Act of Spiritual Communion

All: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Blessing

Making the Sign of the Cross, we say together:

May the Lord bless us, protect us from evil, and bring us into everlasting life. Amen.

A concluding hymn may be sung.