

## Keeping the Lord's Day Holy: Sunday Prayer at Home – The Third Sunday of Easter

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### 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.

May your people exult forever, 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, God, forever and ever. Amen.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41**

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13**

**R (2a) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear  
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;  
you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

**R I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.  
For his anger lasts but a moment;  
a lifetime, his good will.  
At nightfall, weeping enters in,  
but with the dawn, rejoicing.

**R I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;  
O LORD, be my helper.  
You changed my mourning into dancing;  
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

**R I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

**A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

**Rev 5:11-14**

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out:

"To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor, glory and might,  
forever and ever."

The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Gospel**

**Jn 20:19-31**

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The

other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you just caught.” So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He then said to Simon Peter a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” Jesus said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

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 Third Sunday of Easter**

**Leader: God the Father sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him. We beg Him now for the fullness of that life as we pray:**

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

For all the leaders of the Church throughout the world, that they may proclaim the faith in love and truth, let us pray to the Lord.

That God will grant our civil leaders the wisdom to protect God given liberties, and bless us with the courage to defend them, especially those suffering and dying in Ukraine, that they may know the peace of the Risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

For an end to infanticide: That the laws of our nation may reflect the law of God, and protect the dignity of every human life, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may have the grace to recognize Jesus in the ordinary circumstances of our daily life, 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: Most merciful Father, reveal to us Your saving power and make us instruments of grace to all the world. 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.***