

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

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.

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. 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 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God.

On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5

R (3c) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful song.

R We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that the LORD is God;
he made us, his we are;
his people, the flock he tends.

R We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

The LORD is good:
his kindness endures forever,
and his faithfulness, to all generations.

R We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Rev 7:9, 14b-17

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they stand before God's throne
and worship him day and night in his temple.
The one who sits on the throne will shelter them.
They will not hunger or thirst anymore,
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.
For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne
will shepherd them
and lead them to springs of life-giving water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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Gospel

Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Leader: We hand ourselves over to God the Father Who judges justly, and with hearts filled with confidence we now pray:

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

For Pope Francis, the bishops and priests, that they will be filled with the zeal and fervor of divine love, and will embrace God's people with a fatherly embrace, let us pray to the Lord.

That God's love, mercy and peace may rain down upon the people of Ukraine instead of bombs and bullets, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who have gone astray like sheep, that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, the guardian of their souls, let us pray to the Lord.

That families, communities and groups may pray the holy rosary during this month of Mary for evangelization and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For God's blessings on all Mother's living and deceased on this Mother's Day, let us pray to the Lord.

That many men and women may hear and respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd calling them to the priesthood and consecrated 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.