

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
THE MASS OF EASTER DAY  
APRIL 16, 2017

GATHERING/WELCOME

Good Morning/Afternoon---welcome to St. Joseph's.  
We especially welcome to all those who visit us today.

On this day we know that Christ is truly risen!  
With great joy, we celebrate this wonderful event  
that changed human history and has the power  
to transform our lives every day.

( on screens: **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #457** )

GREETING

Priest            In the name of the Father and of the Son  
                  and of the Holy Spirit.

All                Amen

Priest            The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                  and the love of God,  
                  and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
                  be with you all.

All                And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT - omitted

GLORY TO GOD, sung---screens

COLLECT (red binder brought up by the Altar Server)

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading    Acts 10:34A, 37-43

Responsorial    Psalm 118 This is the Day    Number 64

Second Reading

**Reading 2** COL 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.  
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.  
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory.

**Or1 COR 5:6B-8**

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?  
Clear out the old yeast,  
so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,  
inasmuch as you are unleavened.  
For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.  
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast,  
not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**NOTE:** Easter Sequence --Sung at all but 7:30 am

Alleluia    Celtic Alleluia

Gospel    Deacon or Fr. Jim Schwartz

Alleluia

Homily —Fr. Jim Schwartz

Creed is not said

*The Clergy go to the Baptismal Font*

*After the Homily, the Presider prays a blessing over the Baptismal Water, leads the assembly through the Profession of the Baptismal promises and does the Sprinkling Rite*

**BLESSING OVER THE WATER**

*The priest blesses the baptismal water, saying the following prayer with hands extended:*

O God, who by invisible power  
accomplish a wondrous effect  
through sacramental signs  
and who in many ways have prepared water,  
your creation, to show forth the grace of Baptism;

O God, whose Spirit  
in the first moments of the world's creation  
hovered over the waters,  
so that the very substance of water  
would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood  
foreshadowed regeneration,  
so that from the mystery  
of one and the same element of water  
would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

O God, who caused the children of Abraham  
to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea,  
so that the chosen people,  
set free from slavery to Pharaoh,  
would prefigure the people of the baptized;

O God, whose Son,  
baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan,  
was anointed with the Holy Spirit,  
and, as he hung upon the Cross,  
gave forth water from his side along with blood,  
and after his Resurrection,  
commanded his disciples:

“Go forth, teach all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”  
look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church  
and graciously unseal for her  
the fountain of Baptism.

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit  
the grace of your Only Begotten Son,  
so that human nature, created in your image  
and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism  
from all the squalor of the life of old,  
may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children through  
water and the Holy Spirit.

May the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, we pray,  
come down through your Son  
into the fullness of this font,  
so that all who have been buried  
with Christ by Baptism into death  
may rise again to life with him.

Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*The Priest continues:*

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Priest	Do you renounce sin, as to live in the freedom of the children of God?	All - I do.
Priest	Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?	All - I do.
Priest	Do you renounce Satan the author and prince of sin?	All - I do.
Priest	Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?	All - I do.
Priest	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?	All - I do.
Priest	Do you 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?	All - I do.

And the Priest concludes:

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. Amen

## SPRINKLING RITE

On Screens      Number 81/With Joy You Shall Draw Water

Presider or Presider and Deacon and do sprinkling rite throughout the church—each taking part of the middle aisle, then each going to one of the transepts. Place bowls on shelf in front or hand to coordinator when done, then go to chair.

Creed omitted, move right into the Prayer of the Faithful

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest            We bring our prayers to God, who raised Christ from the dead and brings us joy and hope on this holy Easter day.

Deacon or Reader 2    For the Church, the People of God, that we may continue to share Christ's love with the world by the way we love each other and care for those around us. May those who seek a spiritual home, find welcome here at St. Joseph's Church.

*Cantor*

Deacon or Reader 2    For those who prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist and Marriage --- may their time of preparation bring them closer to our loving God. For each one who was baptized and received into the church last evening to be filled with the joy of knowing Christ.

*Cantor*

Deacon or Reader 2    For those who are in need that they will find hope through the outreach of St. Joseph's Church

*Cantor*

Deacon or Reader 2    For those who are sick and for all who care for the sick.  
(pause)    *Cantor*

Deacon or Reader 2 For those who have died in the peace of Christ. We pray for all who died recently.

(pause) *Cantor*

Deacon or Reader 2 For our own prayers (pause) *Cantor*

Priest Almighty God, in today's great celebration of the victory of life over death, we rejoice in the great work you have accomplished through your Son Jesus Christ.  
Graciously hear all of our prayers through the same Christ our risen Lord----for ever and ever.

Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION SONG

Screens number 463 At the Lamb's High Feast  
Community Mass, Chant Our Father

### COMMUNION PROCESSIONAL

Screens Number 462 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

9AM MASS: DISMISSAL OF ATRIA AND HEATHWOOD MINISTERS-confirmed  
CONFIRMED: NELSON SCHWENK AND PAULA FRAGAZY

Announcements N/A

## SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest      The Lord be with you  
All          And with your spirit  
Deacon      Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

## The Priest:

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity  
and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.  
Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection  
of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.  
Amen

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son,  
+ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you  
forever. Amen.

# SONG OF GOING FORTH

Cantor -- As we go forth, we sing  
**Screens -- Number 523 All Creatures of Our God and King**