



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



EASTER SUNDAY YEAR C SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2022

For Christians, Easter is the greatest feast of all. The Easter Season gives us the chance to reflect on what it means to be a Baptised Christian. Easter provides us with the horizons of hope within which we strive for the full realisation of the reign of God, in a particularly challenging world.

On that first Easter Day the disciples were confronted with an empty tomb. Today many people also go searching for Jesus in the Church, but instead find it empty and missing for what they thirst. It is our responsibility to work to make the Church the place where people can meet and experience the risen Lord.

The Church in Australia is committed to a new way forward through the Plenary Council. The time has come for us to discern together what that should look like going forward.

Easter invites us to witness to the risen Jesus by a life of hope, commitment, and fidelity to God and to our fellow men and women. With Jesus let us rise from a life of negativity, cynicism, and mediocrity.



We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, and any that may be with us today.

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1. Identity and Community		
2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
3. Formation and Education		
4. Mission and Outreach.		
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France	Sat & Sun

If you have any concerns or questions you can also talk to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) who are: Juliet Hutchins, Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Sunday	17th April 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	19th April 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Sunday	24th April 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	26th April 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset

TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE WE ENCOURAGE

**MASK WEARING
PHYSICAL DISTANCING
HAND SANITISING,
STAY HOME IF SICK**

We are able to safely seat 100 people at Morisset We still have a pre-book option available for our services. Please arrive 15mins early if you book and notify us of any cancellation. When the seating capacity of the Church is reached the overflow will be accommodated in the Callinan Centre for live streaming. To pre-book use the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or the Eventbrite App or Eventbrite Website: <http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com> or call the Parish Office between 9am and 2pm .

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“He is not here he
has risen”
Luke 24:6

Easter Greetings 2022

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Easter is such a wonderful Season of renewal, hope and peace.

Many in our world will celebrate Easter this year without feeling much or all of what Easter is meant to be.

The people in Ukraine particularly are at the forefront of my prayer this year.

So, to the many women and children in my own Diocese living with oppression and fear, hunger and homelessness as a result of domestic violence. Peace sometimes is hard to find for many of our most vulnerable.

Let each day this Easter Season be an opportunity for bringing peace through acts of kindness,

compassion, mercy and forgiveness.

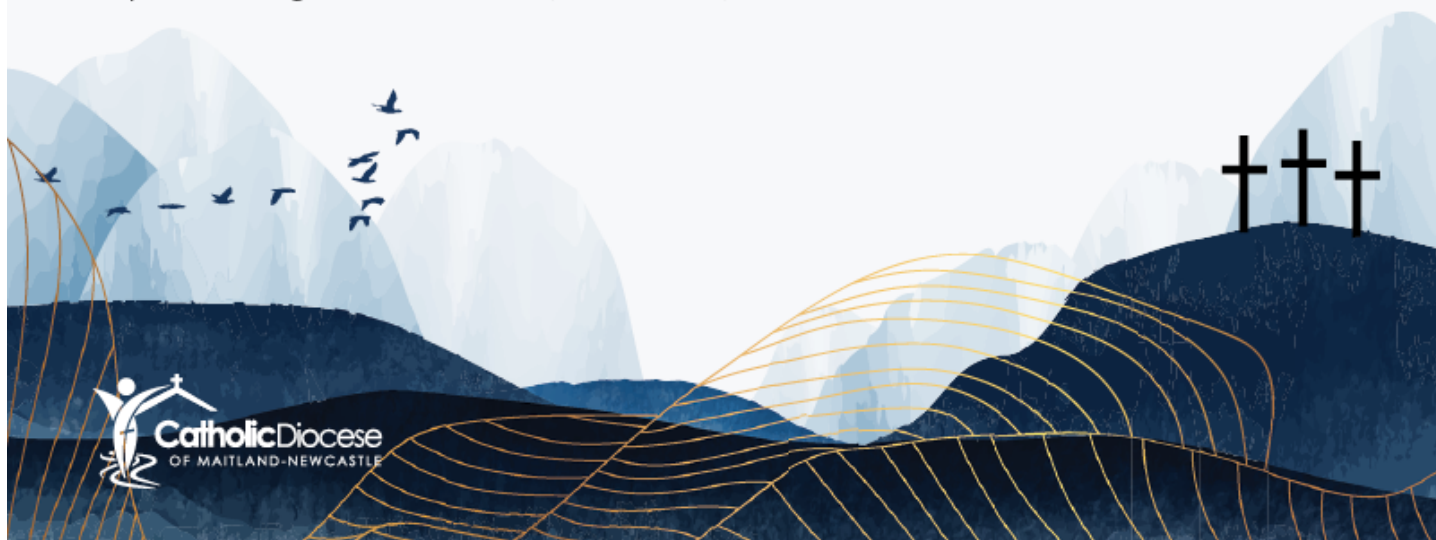
Much like the ripples caused by the tiny pebble hitting the waters of the pond we may not know where that peace may end.

May peace find rest in the hearts of those in Ukraine, Russia and all parts of our world who need it most. For these we pray. May they feel our loving support and know we stand with them.

May the Resurrection transform our world, one heart at a time. Wishing much for you this Easter Season.

Fr Greg Barker

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR



FAITH MATTERS: SACRED AND THE SECULAR

It feels like it was about eight years ago that I was astonished to find hot cross buns on the supermarket shelf on Boxing Day. At the time I needed to check my calendar as I thought I had time travelled to Holy Week. I was left confused as I was sure I had celebrated Christmas the day before.

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In the Christian tradition, hot cross buns have been consumed only on Good Friday as the cross on the top of the spiced fruit bun symbolises Jesus' death on the cross. Now, you can not only get hot cross buns throughout the entire year, but you can also buy hot cross bun flavoured breakfast cereal, ice cream, hot chocolate, nougat, marshmallows, rocky road, tea, gin, cocktails and even scented candles and essential oils.

Another time I was stopped in my tracks was when I saw a billboard outside Westfield just before Easter depicting the Last Supper. The image, which was appropriated from Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper, displayed models wearing the latest skimpiest fashion, sitting, and reclining across a crisp white table.

I am intrigued by the mind of the advertiser, the one who manipulates the sacred into the secular. I readily question how far they will go to seduce the consumeristic mind.

There is no doubt that our world is constantly changing and while change is inevitable for multiple reasons, I wonder what needs to really happen so rich traditions are not exploited in such radical ways that their foundations become distant memories of the past.

While formation and education are good starting points, we need to be willing to move into these spaces, places and give ourselves the time to develop a deepened understanding. This will not only open the mind, but the heart as well.

During Lent we have been encouraged to move out of Chronos time and enter the sacred Kairos time, to slow down and be with God. This can be very difficult in the demands of daily life. If we have allowed the time, we have been provided opportunities for reflection, contemplation, and spiritual growth. The Mystagogical reflection process, which has been the foundation of our diocesan synodal reflections have enabled a deep and rich understanding of the scripture as the mystery of God is revealed. It is in this process we are compelled to look with fresh eyes, as we consider how our story is interwoven within the scripture, and how we will live life differently because of this connection. We have been formed through the scripture and faith sharing and now consider how we can be tempted, how we can be transformed, how we can grow, how we can welcome and how we can forgive.

As we enter Holy Week on Palm Sunday we are invited to walk with Jesus through his triumphs and sufferings. On Holy Thursday at the Last Supper, we see Jesus as a humble servant wash his disciples' feet. Jesus shifts the focus from the remembrance of the old covenant found in the Jewish Passover to the New Covenant at the Last Supper. The Passover liturgy revolves around the body and blood of the lamb. Jesus now focuses on his own body and blood, placing himself as the sacrificial lamb. He takes the bread and wine and explains it in a new light: "This is my body. This is my blood." This New Passover is the Eucharistic celebration, the Mass. It is during the Eucharistic celebration that we are invited to enter the sacred ritual and live life in memory of Christ and become Christ in the world today.

Good Friday is the day when the pain and suffering of Jesus is remembered as he dies on the cross. Most Western Chris-

tian Churches clearly display the events of this day as artworks around the interior walls within the Church and this day is spent retracing and re-enacting the stations in prayer and reflection. It is the most solemn day of the year for Christians. It is a day for us to turn our gaze to the cross and recognize Christ's most loving sacrifice for us.

Easter Sunday is the most important day on the liturgical calendar, if Christ had not risen, we would not have the Christian faith. Easter is not only foundational it revitalizes our hope and brings forth new life. Easter symbolises how love will always conquer hate, love will transform us and help us live life to the full. Midst of darkness, challenges or struggle, the paschal mystery (life, death and resurrection) offers hope to all of us and to the world.

This weekend as we gather with our families to celebrate Easter sharing hot cross buns and chocolate eggs, spend some time to reflect on our Christian faith story so the sacred meaning of the season is not lost over to the secular.

The Formation and Education office of Pastoral Ministries will be launching their a newsletter after Easter, to subscribe go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/AH7wE0MRTu>

For more information on upcoming events and faith formation resources go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/>

MYSTAGOGY MONDAY

Mystagogical reflection invites us into a personal encounter with Christ in the gospel we have heard, the liturgy we have celebrated, or an experience of life or ministry. It invites us to pay attention to what Christ reveals to us, both in that encounter and the living tradition of our faith and to connect it to life now. It invites us to dialogue and transformation.

Join us each Monday morning as we reveal the mystery of God found in the Sunday Gospel.

Commencing 9 May at 10am

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mystagogy-mondays-tickets-304319105637>



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Please return all donation boxes and envelopes over the next two weeks.



Southlakes Christian Education
Scripture in Schools

South Lakes Christian Education has an urgent need of at least 4 more volunteers to teach primary classes at

Wyee and Cooranbong public schools beginning next term. Please pray for this situation. Is God calling you to teach SRE in our local schools? Contact Cathie Smythe on 0412 076 934 if you would like more information.

We thank the Lord for opening up these schools for scripture and therefore many young people who otherwise would know little about the Saviour and the Gospel will have an opportunity to hear this message.

NEWLY APPOINTED NUNCIO TO VISIT DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE DURING HOLY WEEK

A message from Diocesan Administrator, Fr Greg Barker, regarding this week's visit by the Nuncio to Australia

We are now in the midst of Holy Week, a very special time in our Church's Liturgical calendar, where we celebrate the events leading up to Jesus' death by crucifixion and His resurrection.

Our Diocese is very fortunate to have the newly appointed Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Charles Balvo, presiding the Sacred Triduum at Sacred Heart Cathedral. In his role as Nuncio, Archbishop Balvo is the Pope's Ambassador to Australia, and this will be one of his first engagements since arriving in the country last month.

In another significant milestone, it will also be the first time that a Nuncio has presided at the Triduum in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. I thank Fr Andrew Doohan, Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral for welcoming Archbishop Charles Balvo to our Cathedral.

Ahead of his visit I wanted to share a recently published article, prepared by the Australia Catholic Bishop's Conference, with you. The article highlights Archbishop Balvo's diverse experience, the roles of a Nuncio, his previous connections to Australia, what he is expecting to find here and how he plans to come to know the People of God.

To read the ACBC article, please follow the link : <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/archbishop-balvo-takes-up-appointment-as-nuncio-to-australia/>

A "highlights" video introducing Archbishop Balvo has also been prepared and can be viewed via the link below:

<https://youtu.be/HJZ-PnD9ISE>

THANK YOU

Our 'Vinnies' Conference would like to sincerely thank all our Parishioners who kindly donated so generously to our recent appeal for 'Flood Victims' The amount raised was \$2139.45. Many thanks! Monica Gray

FINDING OUR CREATOR IN CREATION

You are invited to join the Newcastle hub of the International Ignatian Ecospiritual Conference, 26 - 30 April 2022. <https://iiec.org.au/>

A group of up to eight people will gather each day 9.15-11.30am in inner Newcastle to hear the conference speakers and discuss our responses. During the day, we will spend time with God in different settings (either individually or with the group). Later in the day, we will gather to share our experiences (either in person or online). Registration is up to \$200. For more information contact Lawrie 0419 447 217 or lah.yallourn@gmail.com.

DISCOVER THE DIOCESE'S NEW APP!

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's new app is available now! Mass times, news and events, and parish giving will be just a tap away.

As part of the new app, you are also able to select your Church and receive customised alerts. To view your latest Parish updates, simply scroll down the home page and click on the notices that interest you for more details.

You can download the app for free from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Just search for 'Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle' and click install on your mobile or tablet!

To learn more about the app, visit www.mn.catholic.org.au/mass-times-app

THE CHOSEN SEASON ONE DISCUSSION GROUP

You are invited to The Chosen Season One Discussion group. During the session we will recap the highlights of the episode and be guided on a journey both personal and communal. We will explore as a group the human nature of Jesus as he calls his chosen to be missionary disciples.

Date: Tuesday 26 April – 14 June Time: 6.30pm-8pm

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-1-discussion-group-2022-tickets-301240427227>

THE CHOSEN SEASON TWO DISCUSSION GROUP

You are invited to The Chosen Season Two Discussion group. During the session we will recap the highlights of the episode and be guided on a journey both personal and communal. We will explore as a group the human nature of Jesus as he builds his community and the threats that exist to tear it down.

Date: Thursday 28 April – 16 June Time: 6.30pm-8pm

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-2-discussion-group-2022-tickets-301246655857>

PRAYING THE GOSPELS

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home.

God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message.

Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033>

Password: pray

**PRAYER FOR PEACE
AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE**

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.


Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

 Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference

CALL TO SUPPORT THE CLERGY / 1ST COLLECTION

The 1st collections in 2020-21 are 67% of the 2018-19 1st collection, which is a 33% reduction. The first two quarters of 2021-22 show the decline continuing. We wish to thank those who have continued to support the Clergy and are asking for those who are not doing so to consider making contributions to support the Clergy / 1st Collection at Mass in the BLUE bucket or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page or the Diocese App.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

We wish to thank everyone who has continued their support for our Parish during these very different times. Anyone can deposit directly into the Parish Account our bank Account details are: Account Name: CDF 96014 Morisset Parish BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 Ref: 5004 2nd Collection or 5004 PG and Giver Number.

Or alternatively you can use the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page or the Diocese App.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ART EXHIBITION

You are invited to the annual Social Justice Art Exhibition. Work submitted from across the Diocese focuses on the themes found in the 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor. We are delighted to be joined by Dr Sandie Cornish who leads the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, as we hear her reflect on the statement and the artworks submitted. Date: Saturday, 14 May Time: 2pm-5pm Venue: The Veritas Centre, San Clemente High School, Mayfield Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/social-justice-art-exhibition-tickets-303235454407>

<u>WEEKEND ROSTERS</u>			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	9.30	Mass	Mass
<u>PROCLAIMER:</u>	9.30	H White	J Hutchins
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	9.30	J Hutchins	R Hay
<u>UNIVERSAL PRAYER</u>	9.30	J Hutchins	R Hay
<u>GIFTS</u>	9.30	J France U France	K Amon H White
<u>SERVERS</u>	9.30	V Paulo	M Melvey
<u>AV:</u>	9.30	U France	M Foo
<u>SOUND/ VIDEO:</u>	9.30	L & G Hutchinson	L & G Hutchinson
<u>COVID TEAM</u>	9.30	A Walker G Walker P Herbert P Robertson	J Hutchins M Foo P Herbert P Melvey
<u>CLEANING</u>	9.30	COVID TEAMS	COVID TEAMS

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION—17TH APRIL
ANZAC DAY—25TH APRIL
SAINT MARK— 26TH APRIL
SAINT PETER CHANEL— 28TH APRIL
SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA— 29TH APRIL
SAINT ATHANASIUS— 2ND MAY
SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES—3RD MAY
SAINT JOHN DE AVILA— 10TH MAY
SAINT PANCRAS— 12TH MAY
SAINTS NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS— 12TH MAY

Please pray for those who are sick, in hospital or recovering at home:

John Francisco, Joan Gillett, Bruce Gillett, Reg Callinan, Koby Smith, Patricia Jones.

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.

Remembrance: Frances Bristow, Jason Wismer.

Recently Deceased: Fr Reg Callinan



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office.

All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.



Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>





SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 17 Apr 2022

The Introductory Rites

Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

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

All:

Amen.

Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus Christ
who has redeemed us
and raised us to new life.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,
we gather in God's name
for when two or more come together
God is always with us.
United with the whole Church,
we celebrate the joy of Easter
and keep this day of the Lord holy.

Opening Rite

LITANY OF PRAISE

GLORIA

Leader:

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

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.

All pause for silent prayer.

O Lord, your Son Jesus
has unlocked the gates of heaven
and won for us eternal life.
Filled with Easter joy
may we join our lives with Christ
and be renewed by the light of the Spirit.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Sequence

The sequence is said or sung on this day

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to John.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

Q. Why is the passion, death and resurrection central to Christian belief?

Q. What message do you take from the beloved disciple who 'saw and believed'.

Q. Does the significance of the Easter events receive proper recognition in society today?

Q. Why do you think the cross became the symbol of Christianity, rather than the empty tomb?

Profession of Faith

Leader:

In union with the whole Church

let us profess our faith.

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

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoicing in Christ's triumph over death, we bring our prayers before the God of glory.

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis, may continue to proclaim the new life that Jesus Christ offers to all people.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations in conflict will be lead from war and death into peace and new life.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That missionaries and all who dedicate their lives to God will find strength in their faith and draw inspiration from the Easter message.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Russia will call a halt to its assault on Ukraine and instead collaborate on building a just and safe world for all people.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will be filled with the joy of Easter and find strength to reflect the risen Christ in all that we do.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we may be fully aware of the gifts of God's Creation and take care of our common home for all people and for future generations.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be shown the healing light of Christ, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will be raised to new life with Christ, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God our Father, we rejoice this day in Christ's triumph over death. Hear our prayers and help us to bear witness to the risen Lord as we are freed by the mystery of his Resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

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.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Concluding Rite Blessing

Leader:

May the Lord bless us
in all things through Christ
so that we may work together
in loving service.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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