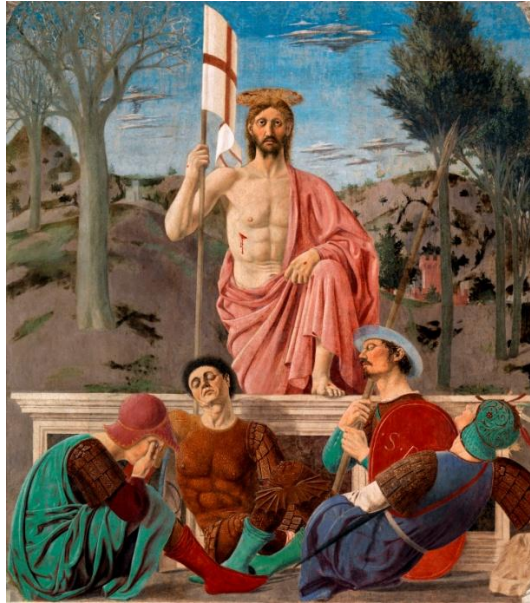




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Easter Sunday  
April 20, 2025



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



All common prayers and responses can be found in the "Order of Mass" booklets in your pew.

**Welcome, families!** A nursery with a live video feed is available in the lower church for parents and children who need a break. To find it, exit either of the rear stairwells or ask an usher for help.

Voluntary: Saraband for the Morning of Easter

Herbert Howells

*Before the Procession:*

**V.** Let us go forth in peace, alleluia.      **R.** In the Name of Christ, alleluia.

**Processional Hymn 86:** "Hail thee, festival day"

*Salve festa dies*

Station at the Font

**V.** As newborn babes, alleluia.      **R.** Desire ye the sincere milk of the word, alleluia.

**V.** Our help is in the Name of the Lord;      **R.** Who hath made heaven and earth.

Rite of Sprinkling Holy Water: *Vidi aquam*

I beheld water issuing out from the temple, on the righthand side, alleluia: and all to whom that water came were saved, and they shall say: Alleluia. Alleluia. (Psalm) O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, because his mercy endureth for ever. Let Israel now confess that he is gracious, and that his mercy endureth for ever. *Gloria Patri.* I beheld water ...

**V.** O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. Alleluia.      **R.** And grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.

**V.** O Lord, hear my prayer.      **R.** And let my cry come unto thee.

**V.** The Lord be with you.      **R.** And with thy spirit.

**Introit:** *Resurrexi*

*Psalm 139:18, 4-5, 1*

I am risen, and am still with thee, alleluia; thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia: thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Psalm) O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising. *Gloria Patri.* I am risen...

First Reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said, "You know the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging

him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Gradual:** *Haec dies*

*Psalm 118:24, 1*

*V.* This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will be joyful and glad in it.

*V.* O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

Second Reading

*Colossians 3:1-4*

Brethren: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Alleluia:** *Pascha nostrum*

*1 Corinthians 5:7*

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Christ our Passover: is sacrificed for us.

**Sequence (Hymn) 97:** “Christians, to the Paschal Victim”

*Victimae paschali laudes*

Holy Gospel

*John 20:1-9*

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**Offertory Antiphon:** *Terra tremuit*

*Psalm 76:8b, 9*

The earth trembled and was still: when God arose to judgement. Alleluia.

**Offertory Hymn 91:** “Alleluia! The strife is o’er”

*Victory*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Pascha nostrum*

*1 Corinthians 5:6-7*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia: therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Ablutions Hymn 98:** "That Easter Day with joy was bright"

*Puer nobis*

**Final Hymn 85:** "Jesus Christ is risen today"

*Easter Hymn*

Voluntary: Finale (from Symphony No. 6)

Charles-Marie Widor

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