

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord Year C

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Readings: 1) Acts 10:34a, 37-43 2) 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 3) Luke 24.13-35

Sunday Liturgy

The Focus for today's Mass is: The risen Christ seeks to transform and redeem our lives. The resurrection of the Lord is the highest of all feasts – the day in which we celebrate the truth that Jesus conquers and redeems every darkness of life, even death itself. Truly this is a day of rejoicing! For even when events are unclear to us – when we do not understand what we see before us, like those who saw the empty tomb – we can be confident in the words and promises of God.

In the first reading, we hear Peter proclaiming the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Paul's Letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul says if we've been raised with Christ we should seek the things of God; he reminds us that Jesus' resurrection transforms and redeems our whole lives. In John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene – upon arriving at the tomb and realizing that the stone had been rolled away – runs to Simon Peter and John to tell them that Jesus' body had been taken. They both go to the tomb, and while neither yet understands the Scripture that Jesus *had to rise from the dead*, John sees and believes.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

As we gather today to celebrate the victory of God's Son,
we bring our prayers to the one who gave him to us.

For all who lead our Church,
that the risen Jesus may continue to transform
their hearts and lives according to his perfect will.
We Pray to the Lord.

For political leaders around the world, that Christ's sacrificial love may inspire them in
crafting policies and laws that protect the dignity and sanctity of human life.
We Pray to the Lord.

For the sick, the suffering and the marginalized,
that the saving power of the risen Jesus may bring them healing and comfort.
We Pray to the Lord.

For all who have died,
may they enjoy the fullness of risen life with Christ.
We Pray to the Lord.

For all of us gathered here,
may we strive to live like Christ in every word and deed.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions..... (Long pause)
We Pray to the Lord.

PRIEST:

God our Father, we bring you these prayers today,
trusting that your power, which overcame death itself,
can overcome any darkness in our lives.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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