

## 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER < B

April 20-21, 2024

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

### For the Dead

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

### Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever, and ever.  
**Amen.**

### Communion Rite

**STAND**

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Priest:*  
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People:*

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

### Sign Of Peace

*Priest :* Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*People : Amen*

*Priest :* The peace of the Lord be with you always

*People : And with your Spirit.*

*Priest :* Let us offer each other the sign of peace

### Lamb of God

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.*

### Invitation To Communion

**KNEEL**

*Priest :* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*People :* **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Priest :* The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

*Priest :* The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

### Communion

*Prayer after Communion*  
**[Kind Shepherd]**

**STAND**

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**R/Amen.**

### General Announcements

**SIT**

### Blessing [Easter Time]

**STAND**

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing.  
**R/Amen.**

And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with him in the homeland of heaven.  
**R/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 for ever.  
**R/Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and to serve the Lord in the people around us.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

### Introduction by the Celebrant

**ENTRANCE ANT. [God the Creator]**

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.**

### Penitential Act

Too often we have not been close to our Lord Jesus, from whom we rely on his loving mercy:

*(pause)*

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, you laid down your life for your sheep, for all the people you came to save:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, you know your sheep, and those who accept you know you:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, you have still other sheep, who are outside your sheepfold and you want them to belong in your flock:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, seek us out and bring us all to the peace of your forgiveness and love. Lead us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

### Glory to God in the highest

**C: Collect [Joys of Heaven]**

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a 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, for ever and ever.  
**R/Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Word

**SIT**

**First Reading Acts 4:8-12 [Salvation in Jesus]**  
*Peter explains the cure of the cripple. It was a miracle performed in the name of Jesus, whom the people had rejected and crucified. There is no salvation except in Jesus.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all

the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone*. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 118 [Refuge in God]**

**R./ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. or Alleluia.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. **(R.)**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2 [Children of God]**

*The Father shows his love for human beings by calling them his children. The world does not recognize the followers of Christ because it did not recognize Christ himself.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Jn 10:14 [God's Sheep] STAND**

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



**Gospel Jn 10:11-18 [The Good Shepherd]**  
*Jesus compares himself to "the good Shepherd." A shepherd cares for his sheep, lives and dies for them if necessary. There is to be one flock and one shepherd.*

**R/ The Lord be with you.  
 R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**R/ Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

We hand ourselves over to God the Father who judges justly, and with hearts filled with trust we now pray:

*(Pause)*

For the Church especially The Holy Father, our Pope N., our bishop N., bishops and priests the shepherds of the Church: that they will be filled with the zeal and fervor of divine love to be the foundation of faith and communion, which leads God's people to salvation.

**Lord, unite us in your love.**

For those who govern, may your Spirit touch their hearts and minds: to protect the sanctity of life, to remain committed to peace, truth, justice, and the common good of the peoples. Let us pray:  
**Lord, unite us in your love.**

For the increase of vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated life, especially from our own parish community; and that our parish may grow in holiness and in our dedication to evangelization. Let us pray:

**Lord, unite us in your love.**

For communities without shepherd; for those leaderless loners groping their ways; for divided and loveless communities; and for faithful shepherds misunderstood by their flocks. Let us pray:

**Lord, unite us in your love.**

Lord Jesus, you are the head of the Church, we humbly seek your Providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to hear the voice of Christ to remain in his one flock, and to be the Light to the nations, in spreading the good news. Let us pray:

**Lord, unite us in your love.**

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions...

*(Pause)*

Let us pray:

**Lord, unite us in your love.**

Loving Father, you sent your Son and raise him from the dead so that we might have life and have it abundantly. Keep us obedient to our new life in Christ. Through Christ our Lord.

**R/ Amen.**

**SL: Offertory hymn**

**SIT**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of the Bread**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**All : Blessed be God for ever.**

**Preparation of the Wine**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**All : Blessed be God for ever.**

**Invitation To Prayer**

**STAND**

**Priest** : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People** : **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands**

**for the praise and glory of his name,  
 for our good  
 and the good of all his Holy Church**

**Prayer over the Offerings  
 [Unending Joy]**

**STAND**

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

**STAND**

*Introductory Dialogue*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just**

**Preface IV of Easter**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For, with the old order destroyed, a universe cast down is renewed, and integrity of life is restored to us in Christ.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....**

**Eucharistic Prayer No.3**

**KNEEL**

**Praise to the Father**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration that they may become the Body and \*Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

**The Lord's Supper**

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it,  
 for this is my Body,  
 which will be given up for you.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it,  
 for this is the chalice of my Blood,  
 the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
 which will be poured out for you and for many  
 for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Do this in memory of me.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

*Priest* : The mystery of faith.

**All** : **When we eat this Bread  
 and drink this Cup,  
 we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
 until you come again.**

**The Memorial Prayer**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

**In Communion with the Saints**

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (with Saint N.: the Saint of the day or Patron Saint) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unailing help.

**For the Church**

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant N, our Pope and N. our Bishop, the Order of Bishop, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.