

## 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER < A

*of Divine Mercy*

*April 15-16, 2023*

### Intercessions: 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 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 unfailing 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.

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

### Breaking of the Bread

*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.**

### Reception of 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 [Devout Reception]*

**STAND**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this pascal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

**R/ Amen.**

### General Announcements

**SIT**

### Blessing

**STAND**

*Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing*

Through the resurrection of his Son God has redeemed you and made you his children. May he bless you with joy. **R/ Amen.**

The Redeemer has given you lasting freedom May you inherit his everlasting life. **R/ Amen.**

By faith you rose with him in baptism. May your lives be holy, so that you will be united with him for ever. **R/ Amen.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **R/ Amen.**

Go forth, the mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia  
**R/ Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

### MC: Greeting

### Entrance song

**STAND**

### Introduction by the Celebrant

**ENTRANCE ANT.**

*[Give Thanks]*

*Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly Kingdom, alleluia.*

### Penitential Act

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world:

*(pause)*

Lord Jesus, without seeing you we believe that with your Divine Mercy you forgive us. Blessed are you, Lord:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as fount of Mercy for us.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us Lord, give us in abundance the peace of your pardon and the fullness of your risen life.  
Jesus, King of Mercy, we trust in You. **Amen.**

### Glory to God in the highest

**C: Collect**

*[Kindle Faith]*

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the pascal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 2:42-47 *[True Christian Fellowship]*  
*The faithful lived a common life, sharing all their goods. The apostles worked many miracles. They prayed together and broke bread. Daily their numbers increased.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 118 [The Lord's Goodness]**

**R./ Gives thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**  
**Or. Alleluia.**

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever." **(R.)**

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory. in the tents of the just: **(R.)**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Pt 1:3-9 *[Love in Practice]*

*God, our Father, has given us a new hope in Jesus, a birthright kept in heaven. Although there may be suffering, this is at the same time a cause for rejoicing. Faith in Jesus will bring salvation.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia** Jn 20:29 [*Blind Faith*] **STAND**

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



**Gospel** Jn 20:19-31

[*Living Faith*]

*Jesus appears to the disciples, coming through locked doors. He shows them his hands and side. He greets them in peace and gives them the power to forgive sin. A week later Jesus appears again directly to Thomas who now professes his belief.*

**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**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, So I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this

book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

With the faith of Easter alive in us, let us turn to the Father with our prayers:

*(Pause)*

That God may deign to show his mercy to all mankind, especially to sinners. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, we trust in You.**

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, may God remove even the hardest stones at the entrance to our hearts and let His light brighten the Church with rays of the contagion of hope. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, we trust in You.**

For an increase of vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated life of all the clergy and religious through whom God's mercy flows on mankind. Increase Your grace in those consecrated to your service, that they may perform worthy works of mercy. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, we trust in You.**

Let us pray for those, who are still ignorant of the mercy of God. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them, that they may glorify Your wonderful mercy. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, we trust in You.**

Let us pray for our dearly departed and for the souls in purgatory, that the merciful streams of Christ's Blood may diminish and shorten their waits for heaven. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, we trust in You.**

Risen Christ, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, the grace to seek you in all things and above all things with hope and courage, and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, we trust in You.**

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

*(Pause)*

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, we trust in You.**

Loving Father, the Resurrection of your Son gives us a new birth to a living hope, and clothes us with Christ. Through Christ our Lord. **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 Happiness]**

**STAND**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. 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 II of Easter**

**[New Life In Christ]**

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.

Through him the children of light rise to eternal life and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom are thrown open to the faithful; for his Death is our ransom from death, and in his rising the life of all has risen.

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.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

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.