

# 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER < A

April 29 - 30, 2023

Mother of God, with the Blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the Blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

## 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

**[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

**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.**

Turn Your people to You with all their heart, O Lord, we pray, for You protect even those who go astray, but when they serve You with undivided heart, You sustain them with still greater care. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R/ Amen.**

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**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

When our Good Shepherd spoke to us in his Good News, we have not always listened to him. Let us ask him to forgive us:

*(pause)*

Lord Jesus, we belong to You but we do not always listen to Your voice. Please, do not give up on us:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, like sheep we have gone astray, but You have guided us back into the sheepfold and to follow You:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, You want us to hear Your voice in people crying out for help. Make us hear Your cry in them:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*Absolution:*

Lord, in Your great mercy accept us and forgive us our sins. Lead us in joy and hope to the happiness of 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 2:14a, 36-41 [Salvation in Jesus]**

*Peter states that Jesus is the Messiah who was crucified. Peter admonishes the people to reform and be baptized to receive the Holy Spirit.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel

know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 23 [Refuge in God]**

**R./ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
**Or. Alleluia.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **(R.)**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. **(R.)**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **(R.)**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20b-25 [Christ Our Savior]**

*Jesus gave an example. He suffered for us. He did no wrong; he did not answer with insults or threats. He died for our sins. By his wounds we are healed.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he

handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*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.**



*"The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."*

**Gospel** Jn 10:1-10 **[The Good Shepherd]**

Jesus is the "Good Shepherd." He knows his sheep and they know him. Whoever enters his sheepfold will be safe.

**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: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

### General Intercessions

Let us submit ourselves to God the Father and put our trust in Him with faith we now pray:

*(pause)*

For our Pope Francis and bishops, the shepherds of the Church, that they will be inspired and strengthened to bring about renewal of faith to Your Church throughout the world. And so we pray:

**Shepherd Your flocks, O Lord!**

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially from our own parish community. And so we pray:

**Shepherd Your flocks, O Lord!**

Lord Jesus, You have chosen Your priests from among us, please fill them with the fire of Your love, that their ministry may bear much fruits and reveal Your presence to all. And so we pray:

**Shepherd Your flocks, O Lord!**

For our children preparing to receive First Holy Communion: that the gift of the Holy Eucharist will draw them into an unending friendship with the Lord. And so we pray:

**Shepherd Your flocks, O Lord!**

Lord, may all Your faithful go into the world to be witnesses of Your divine love, to serve those who are hungry and thirsty and especially to those who have lost their way. And so we pray:

**Shepherd Your flocks, O Lord!**

Our Risen Lord, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, the grace to hear and follow your voice in all we do and to be Your Light to the nations. And so we pray:

**Shepherd Your flocks, O Lord!**

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

*(Pause)*

And so we pray:

**Shepherd Your flocks, O Lord!**

Loving Father, with the resurrection of our Savior Lord Jesus, help keep us faithful to our new life in 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 Joy]*

**STAND**

Grand, 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 I of Easter I

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 he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life.

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.2

**KNEEL**

#### Praise to the Father

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

#### Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### The Lord's Supper

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, 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, once more giving thanks, he gave it 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, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

#### Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

#### Intercessions: For the Church

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy

#### For the Dead

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

#### In Communion with the Saints

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,