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**Easter
Sunday
Year A**

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia

First Reading: *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34, 37-43)*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 117)

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes (R)

Second Reading: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:1-4)*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: *A reading from the Gospel According to John (20:1-9)*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter reached the tomb first, he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

MASS INTENTIONS

All the Masses that our Priests are celebrating in private are being offered "*pro populo*"
- for the intentions of the people of God.

Note: Mass intentions envelopes & notices for bulletin are to be submitted/emailed to the office by Wednesday 6pm.

PASTORAL CORNER

In the Easter Sunday Gospel, Mary Magdala, who loved Jesus so dearly, could not wait until daylight to visit his tomb. When she discovers he is no longer there, she seeks the help of Simon Peter and John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. Peter too was confounded, but when John finally enters the tomb, what he sees triggers something in his understanding and he now believes that Jesus has risen from the dead. Look at the three in this hectic scene of fear and confusion and try to be with them as they struggle to understand where the body of their beloved friend has gone. Who do you feel most drawn to? Who do you most resemble? The one who even in 'darkness' hurries to meet 'the Beloved'? The impetuous one who rushes in or the one who hesitates and holds back? The risen Lord opened the eyes of his disciples to what had taken place. It is time now to pray to him to open our eyes, and to lead us into a deeper faith in him, so that we may follow him in his risen life.

Praying the Liturgy of the Hours (The Divine Office)

The gift of the presence of Christ

The presence of Christ in the Divine Office leads us into the presence of his Father. The Divine Office is above all the prayer of Christ 'calling out to his Father' and 'the Father speaking to the Son'. As we pray the Office we are led into the heart of the Holy Trinity. Therefore we allow ourselves to be drawn into the heart of Jesus' relationship to the Father.

Psalm 113A (114) is prayed on Easter Sunday Evening (Vespers)

Psalm 113A (114)
Israel set free from Egypt
*Come and see where the Lord was laid,
alleluia.*

When Israel came out of Egypt,
Jacob's people from a land of strangers,
Judah became his sanctuary
and Israel his domain.

The sea saw it, and fled;
the Jordan flowed backwards at the sight;
the mountains leapt like rams;
the hills, like yearling sheep.

Sea, what was it, what made you flee?
And you, Jordan, why did you flow uphill?
Mountains, why did you leap like rams?
Hills, like yearling sheep?

Tremble, Earth, at the presence of the Lord,
the presence of the Lord of Jacob,
who has turned the rock into a pool of water
and made a fountain out of the flint.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.

Come and see where the Lord was laid, alleluia.

While you are unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion you may wish to pray the following prayer

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Livestream of Easter Masses

**The Easter Vigil Mass will be streamed on Saturday
11 April from 6.00pm**

The Easter Sunday Mass at 11am.

Both services will be celebrated by

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB.

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more details on **9256 9696**.

There is no need to worry, but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and the peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and thoughts, in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

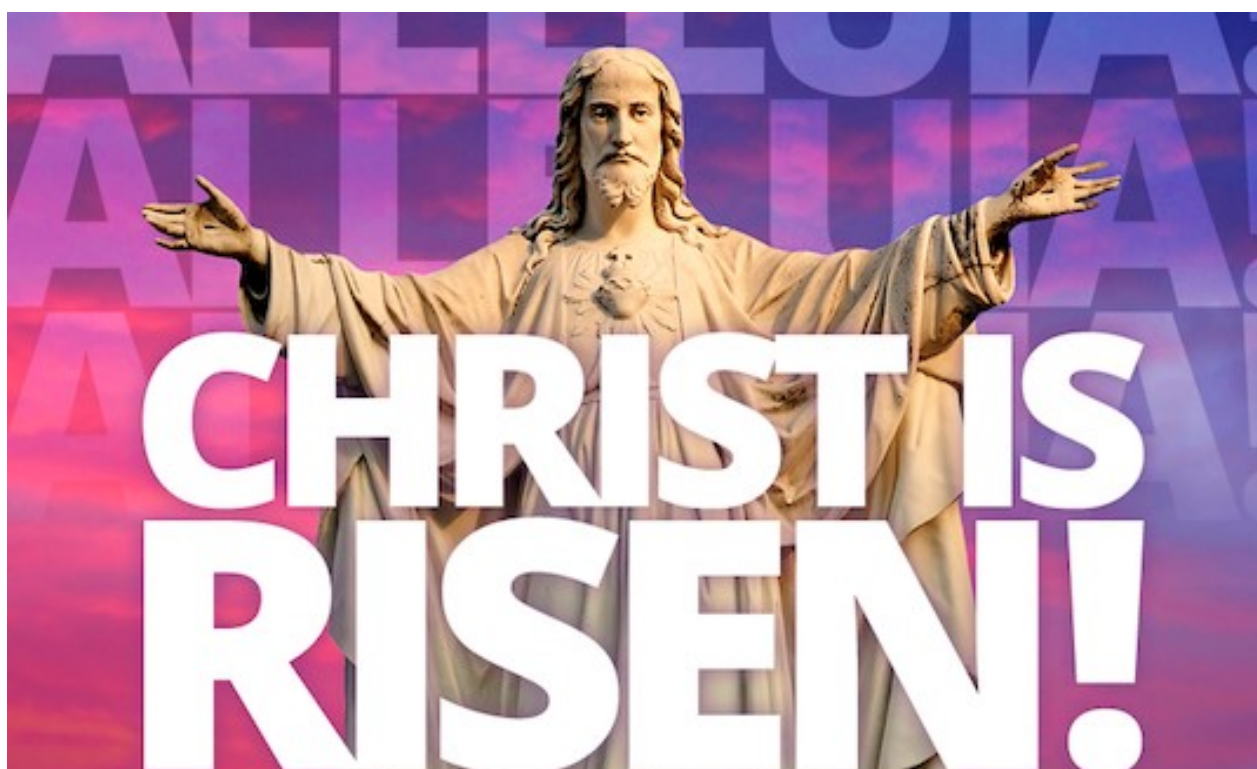
A Reflection on Easter Sunday

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This Easter is like no other in the history of our nation. The Passover story of the Israelites celebrates God's taking them out of the slavery of Egypt with a mighty hand. Prior to their liberation they were quarantined inside their homes as the angel of death passed over each household. This year like the Israelites we all find ourselves "cloistered" in silence and in humility as we, in communion with the whole Church celebrate the Easter Triduum either online or in prayerful silence in obedience to the words of Sacred Scripture: *"Do not be afraid. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord" [Exodus 14:13]*

It is in the middle of our darkness, the darkness of our fears and anguish that the Lord acts. God is the only one who can free us from those destructive elements in our lives that bind our hands and hearts and prevent us from living out our baptismal promises. At the heart of the darkest night, like during the slavery of Egypt. the God who raised Jesus from the dead is the God who freed the people of Israel from the tyranny of Pharaoh and raised them from their tomb in Egypt.

So many of us suffer from the oppression of our very own "Pharaohs" such as depressions, anxieties, self-contempt, addictions, pride, selfishness, self-centredness, ignorance, prejudice... so many demons that Jesus comes to drive out of our hearts. But the most formidable "Pharaoh" of all is our own selves, our irresistible inclination to want to serve and please the self rather than the other. Such a choice can only lead to the darkness of slavery and death. At Easter the Risen Christ comes to free us from our "Pharaohs". He comes to open our graves and invites us to begin our very own exodus from the self with haste and dare to choose life over death.



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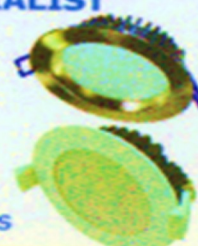


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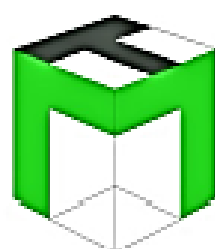
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