

THE CATHOLIC MASS SHEET

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

6th Sunday of Easter (C)

25th May 2025

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn

Stand

Cf. Is 48:20

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:**

The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest greets everyone present.

The people respond: And with your spirit.

The Mass of the day may be introduced.

Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the people to repentance using
one of the Penitential Acts.*

Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all
people to yourself:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering
and sinfulness:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You open for your people the way from death
into life:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Priest says the absolution. All reply: Amen.

Or:

Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water
(May be used in place of the Penitential Act)

The Priest says:

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
to bless this water he has created,
which will be sprinkled on us
as a memorial of our Baptism.
May he help us by his grace
to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

After a brief pause, the Priest continues:

Lord our God,
in your mercy be present to your people's prayers,
and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our
creation

and the still greater work of our redemption,
graciously ✠ bless this water.

For you created water to make the fields fruitful
and to refresh and cleanse our bodies.

You also made water the instrument of your mercy:

for through water you freed your people from slavery
and quenched their thirst in the desert;
through water the Prophets proclaimed the new
covenant

you were to enter upon with the human race;
and last of all,
through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan,
you have renewed our corrupted nature
in the bath of regeneration.

Therefore, may this water be for us
a memorial of the Baptism we have received,
and grant that we may share
in the gladness of our brothers and sisters
who at Easter have received their Baptism.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*As the Priest sprinkles all present an
appropriate chant is sung, such as:*

Cf. Dan 3:77, 79

**You springs and all that moves in the waters,
sing a hymn to God, alleluia.**

When the singing is over, the Priest says:

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
and through the celebration of this Eucharist
make us worthy to share at the table of his
Kingdom. **Amen.**

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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.
Amen.

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

In those days: Some men came down from
Judea and were teaching the brothers,
'Unless you are circumcised according to the
custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.'
And after Paul and Barnabas had no small
dissension and debate with them, Paul and
Barnabas and some of the others were
appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the
Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and
the elders, with the whole Church, to choose
men from among them and send them to
Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent
Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading
men among the brothers and sisters, with the
following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles
and the elders, to the brothers and sisters
who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria
and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard
that some persons have gone out from us and
troubled you with words, unsettling your minds,
although we gave them no instructions, it
has seemed good to us, having come to one
accord, to choose men and send them to you
with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,
men who have risked their lives for the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore
sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell
you the same things by word of mouth. For it
has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us
to lay on you no greater burden than these
requirements: that you abstain from what has
been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and

from what has been strangled, and from sexual
immorality. If you keep yourselves from these,
you will do well. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 67(66):2-3. 5. 6, 8. R.4

**R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

or:

Alleluia.

May God be gracious and bless us
and let his face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your salvation.

R.

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,
with uprightness you rule the peoples;
you guide the nations on earth.

R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing
that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

R.

Second Reading

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a
great, high mountain, and showed me the holy
city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven
from God, having the glory of God, its radiance
like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as
crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve
gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on
the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the
sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east
three gates, on the north three gates, on the
south three gates, and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations,
and on them were the twelve names of the
twelve Apostles of the Lamb. And I saw no
temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God
the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no
need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory
of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

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Acclamation before the Gospel

Stand

Alleluia, alleluia.

John 14:23

**If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says
the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia.**

Gospel

John 14:23-29

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Sit

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

All bow

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored

and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Or:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the

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Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
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the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
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I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response example: Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

After the concluding prayer all say: Amen. Sit

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The people rise as the Priest says:
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

The people reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
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for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of
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