

# THE JERUSALEM MASS SHEET

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

30th April 2023

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn.

*Stand*  
Cf. Ps 32:5-6

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

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have  
failed to do,**

*And, striking their breast, they say:*  
**through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*The Priest says the absolution. All reply:* **Amen.**

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

## The 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.**

## The Collect

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.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

Ps 22:1-6.R.v1

**R) The Lord is my shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **(R)**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

Surely goodness and kindness  
shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R)**



## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2:20-25  
The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Stand*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jn 10:14

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;**

**I know my own sheep and my own know me.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 10:1-10

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Homily

*Sit*

## The Nicene Creed

*Stand*

**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.**

**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.**

## The Prayer of the Faithful

*Response example:* Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*After the concluding prayer all say:* **Amen.** *Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The offerings are brought to the altar.*

*A hymn may be sung.*

*If the Priest says the two prayers of offering  
aloud the response both times is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*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**

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

**and the good of all his holy Church.**



### Prayer over the Offerings

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

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 III of Easter

**Christ living and always interceding for us**

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.  
He never ceases to offer himself for us  
but defends us and ever pleads our cause  
before you:

he is the sacrificial Victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb, once slain, who lives for ever.

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.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Kneel*

### Eucharistic Prayer III

*(The Priest may use a different Eucharistic Prayer.)*

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.

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  $\times$  Blood  
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

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.

The mystery of faith.

*The people continue, acclaiming:*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

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,  
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.

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  
and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession in your presence  
we rely for unailing help.

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 Bishops, 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.

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.

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

*The people acclaim:* **Amen.**

### The Communion Rite

*Stand*

*The Priest invites all to join in 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.**

*The Priest continues alone:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

*The Priest says:*

Lord Jesus Christ...**Amen.**  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest adds:*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The Priest takes the host and breaks it.*

*Meanwhile the people say or sing:*

**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.** *Kneel*

*The Priest shows the host to the people and says:*

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.

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

*The Priest or other minister says to each  
communicant:*

The Body [Blood] of Christ.

*Each communicant answers:* **Amen.**

### Communion Antiphôn

**The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

*After the distribution of Holy Communion a sacred  
silence may be observed or a psalm, hymn or  
canticle of praise may be sung.*

### Prayer after Communion

*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.  
**Amen.**

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

*Announcements may be made.*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

### Solemn Blessing

*The Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

Bow down for the blessing.

*The Priest continues:*

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.

**Amen.**

May he, by whose redeeming work  
you have received the gift of everlasting freedom,  
make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

**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.

**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.

**Amen.**

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*Or:*

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

*Or:*

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

*Or:*

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**



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