

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER LITURGY
Opening Hymn “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

I know that my Redeemer lives What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head!

He lives, to bless me with His love; He lives, to plead for me above; He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives, my mansion to prepare; He lives, to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His Name ‘He lives, my Savior still the same.
What joy the blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Celebrant: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth, so that by following Your holy we will gain eternal salvation.

Response: Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

C: My dear brothers and sisters let us confess our sins to God and prepare ourselves that we may worthily participate in this Holy Sacrifice. Please now make an examination of your conscience.

Confiteor

Almighty Father, You know my deepest secrets. I confess that I have, through my own fault, sinned against Your holy laws,
(striking the breast three times) in my thoughts, in my words and in what I have done or failed to do. I sincerely regret my sins and I am truly sorry for offending You. I ask, Father, that in Your mercy You pardon my sins. I promise to change my way of living so that through a deeper holiness I may better serve You throughout the rest of my life. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

C: May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and, with His authority vested in me, I absolve you from all your sins: in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Psalm 40: 2-4

C: I waited, waited for the Lord, who bent down and heard my cry, drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.

R: And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world

with out end. Amen.

KYRIE

C: Lord, have mercy. **R:** Lord, have mercy.
C: Christ, have mercy. **R:** Christ, have mercy.
C: Lord, have mercy. **R:** Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You; we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only
Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on
us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. [pause briefly] Heavenly Father, You redeemed us
through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Grant that we may benefit from the graces
merited by our Savior. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 5: 12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all
together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed
them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added
to them. Thus, they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so
that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them.
A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the
sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118

R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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**Revelations 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards." This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamations.**John 20: 29**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel**John 20: 19: 31**

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 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 the nail marks 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. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF THE WORD OF GOD**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, *(kneel)***AND BECAME MAN**. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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 and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSION

Celebrant: As witnesses of the Resurrection, the apostles were sent forth to continue the work of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for the mission of the Church and the needs of our parish.

L: Our response is: Lord hear our prayer”

L: That led by the successors of the apostles, the Church will boldly proclaim the truth of Easter, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky as he celebrates his 25th anniversary of ordination today, let us pray to the Lord.

L: That those of our government govern with fairness, truth, faith and morality, let us pray to the Lord.

L: That people who are weighed down by guilt, recognize that they will be forgiven when they come to the Lord through the mercy of God, let us pray to the Lord.

L: That God will raise up men to witness as priest and deacon in the Church, continuing the Mission of the Resurrected Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

L: That our parish of Holy Family grow in spirit and numbers as continue of mission here in McKeesport, let us pray to the Lord.

L: That those who suffer persecution because of their Christian Faith, be protected, let us pray to the Lord.

L: That there be peace in the Ukraine, let us pray to the Lord.

L: That the Risen Christ will bring the dead to share in His victory, especially N., let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: As your people continue to celebrate this Easter Season, Father, we beseech You to grant our petitions, let us pray through Christ our Lord.

OFFERTORY VERSE

O God, I will present my thank offerings to You. For You have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life. Alleluia. **Psalm 56: 12b-13**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, our God, accept the offerings of Your rejoicing Church which You have enlivened this day; and grant us the gift of perpetual gladness, for You have given us cause for great joy.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PREFACE-THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

Eucharist Prayer V

Blessed are You, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercy and God of all consolation. For You so loved the world that You gave Your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He then established a lasting memorial of Your salvation. On the evening in which He willingly surrendered Himself, He took bread, gave You thanks, blessed it and broke it saying, Take this, all of you, and eat it: **FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.** When supper had ended, He took the cup. In the same way He gave You thanks, blessed it, Take this, all of you, and drink from it: **FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT, WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.** As often as you do this, do it in remembrance of Me. So, we recall before You, Father, the Incarnation of Your Son, His words and deeds, how He humbled Himself and obediently accepted death, even death on the cross. Therefore, You have raised Him up and given Him a Name which is above every name, so that in heaven and under the earth every knee shall bow, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord. We offer this Sacrifice of Your Son before You, Father, with praise and thanksgiving and ask that You accept this oblation. Send Your Holy Spirit and fill these Gifts with His life-giving power that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Your dearly beloved Son. Grant that the Bread which we break may be the Body of our Lord and the Cup over which we give thanks may be one with the Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the company of Mary, the Mother of God, with Your apostles and martyrs, with holy Willibrord and

all the saints, together with Anthony, our Prime Bishop, and John., our Bishop, and with all bishops, priests and deacons ,as well as Your whole Church, we praise and glorify You and look forward to the coming of Your beloved Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Holding the Sacred Host over the Chalice, he elevates them and sings;

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

C: *Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:*

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.

C: Deliver us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever.

Breaking of the Bread

C: The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

C: The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

R: Because there is one Bread, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one Bread.

C: May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.

R: Amen.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give you. Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where You live for ever and ever. Amen.

C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R: And also, with you.

C: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Give a nod or a wave of hand as a sign of peace

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

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have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my

sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

C: I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation together say only once:

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

C: Lord, may I possess with a pure heart that which I have taken as food, and may the Gift I have received bring me healing and strength now and forever.

COMMUNION VERSE

Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O My people! Alleluia.

Ezekiel 37: 13a

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. [pause briefly] Lord, Jesus Christ, to You belong the keys of life and death by the will of the Father. Preserve us through these Holy Mysteries that our redemption may be assured and our doubts relieved. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also, with you.

C: May the blessing of almighty God: the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit come upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Lo the sacrifice is offered, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn "The Strife is O'er"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor's Triumph won

Now be the song of praise begun: Alleluia.

Death's mightiest pow'rs have done their worst, And Jesus has his foes dispersed; Let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluia.

He closed the yawning gates of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell; Let hymns of praise his triumph tell: Alleluia.

On the third morn he rose again, Glorious in majesty to reign;

O let us swell the joyful strain: Alleluia.