

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER LITURGY

### Opening Hymn "This Day God Gives Me"

This day God gives me, strength of high heaven  
Sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth  
Flash of lightning, wind in its swiftness  
Depths of the ocean, firmness on earth.

This day God sends me, strength as my guardian  
Might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful. Your ears are list'ning  
Your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

God's way is my way; God's shield is round me,  
God's host defends me, saving from ill  
Angels of heaven, drive from me always  
All that would harm me stand by me still.

Rising I thank you, Mighty and strong One  
King of creation, Giver of rest,  
Firmly confessing, Three-ness of Persons  
Oneness of God head, Trinity blest.

### 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

**Ezekiel 34: 31, Palm 79: 13**

C: You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your  
God says the Lord God. Alleluia.

R: Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give

thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare  
Your praise. 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 PRAYERS

Let us pray. [pause briefly] Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of Your people; strengthen us through Your risen  
presence. May we walk with You each day and follow You in humble trust for You are the Good Shepherd,  
You call us by name and lead us. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever  
and ever. **R: Amen**

Let us pray. [pause briefly] Almighty and merciful God, You gave us mothers for the rearing of each new  
generation and the fulfillment of Your purposes on earth. You poured into their hearts the graces of faith, love  
and sacrifice. On this day, dedicated to the honor of our mothers, we ask that You bless all the mothers of our  
congregation. Empower them to lovingly fulfill the obligations You have given them, as they look to the  
example of Mary, the Blessed Mother of our Lord, and to the lives of all devoted and holy women. We ask this  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R: Amen**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

#### Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the  
synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and  
Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God. On the following sabbath  
almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled  
with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and  
said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it  
and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has  
commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends  
of the earth." The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who  
were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole  
region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers  
and the leading men of the city stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas and expelled them from their  
territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were  
filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. This is the word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 100**

R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song. R:

Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are his people, the flock he tends. R:

The LORD is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness, to all generations. R:

**Second Reading****Revelations 5: 11-14**

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason, they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." This is the word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamations.****John 10: 14**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel****John 10: 27-30**

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one. "This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**SACREMENT 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 here (*genuflect*) **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: God gives eternal life to the sheep of His flock. Let us pray to the Father, confident that we can never be taken from His care.**

L: Our response is “Lord hear our prayer”.

L: For the pastors of our Church, that they may serve the Lord with gladness and lead the people with courage, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For our mission as a parish, that we speak His word that may bring the living truth to our communities, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For those who hear that word, that they may receive the gift of faith and become part of our Church Family, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the mothers of our parish and families, may the emulate the virtues and love of our Holy Mother, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the families of our parishes, that they may encourage and support vocations to the priesthood and diaconate, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For all the deceased mothers of our parish and families, that the Good Shepherd may lead them to living water and wipe all tears from their eyes, let us pray to the Lord.

**Celebrant: Almighty Father, as Your people, the sheep of Your flock, we bring our prayers before You, in perfect trust and confidence through Christ our Lord.**

#### **OFFERTORY VERSE**

I will appoint over you shepherds after My own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently. Alleluia.  
**Jeremiah 3: 15**

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Almighty Father, accept this Holy Oblation and grant a loving, wise and courageous spirit to all who pastor, minister, and teach in Your Name. Through all their words and deeds may they seek Your glory and the increase of Your kingdom. 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.

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.

### **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**

Let me live to praise You; may Your edicts give me help. I have wandered like a lost sheep; seek out Your servant, for I do not forget Your commands. Alleluia. **Psalm 119: 175-176**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. [pause briefly] Lord Jesus Christ, You so shepherd Your people that they shall not want. Lead us peacefully to Your green pastures and refresh us beside Your still waters. For us who have shared in this Holy Banquet restore our souls when we go astray and always lead us in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. 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.

R: **Amen.**

C: Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Closing Hymn: "That Easter Day"**

**Verses 1, 4, & 5**

That Easter Day with joy was bright,  
The sun shone out with fairer light,  
When to their longing eyes restored,  
The apostles saw their risen Lord.

O Lord of all with us abide,  
In this our joyful Eastertide.  
From ev'ry weapon on death can wield.  
Thine own redeemed for ever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord we give,  
To Thee Who dead, again does live.  
To God the Father equal praise  
And God the Holy Ghost we raise.