

## Ascension of the Lord

### THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

The beginning of the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "You heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority.

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said,

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw

him go into heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

47

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O clap your hands together,  
all ye people:

O sing unto God

with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high, and to be feared:  
he is the great King upon all the earth. R.

God is gone up with a merry noise:  
and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises,

sing praises unto our God:

O sing praises,

sing praises unto our King. R.

For God is the King of all the earth:

sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the nations:

God sitteth upon his holy throne. R.

### THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Brethren: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority

## The Second Sunday of Lent B

### THE FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In those days: God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I."

God said, "Take your son, your only-begotten son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order.

Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

And he said, "Here am I."

The angel said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only-begotten son, from me."

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only-begotten son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your de-

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

For he shall give his Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder, the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble.

I will deliver him and bring him to honour: with long life I will satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

### THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:12-15

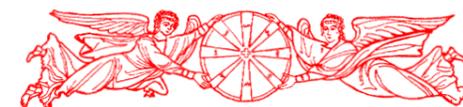
The Continuation the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



scendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

116

**R.** I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.

I believed, and therefore will I speak;  
but I was sore troubled.

Right dear in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his saints. **R.**

Behold, O Lord,  
how that I am thy servant;  
I am thy servant,  
and the son of thine handmaid;  
thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.  
I will offer to thee  
the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and will call upon  
the Name of the Lord. **R.**

I will pay my vows unto the Lord,  
in the presence of all his people;  
in the courts of the Lord's house,  
even in the midst of thee,  
O Jerusalem. **R.**

### THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:31b-34

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Brethren: If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?

Who shall bring any charge against

God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us?

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 83:19,14, 60:4.6

Let the nations know that thou, whose name is the Lord: art only the Most Highest over all the earth. O my God, make them like unto a wheel: and as the stubble before the wind. Thou hast moved the land, O Lord: and divided it. Heal the sores thereof: for it shaketh. That they may triumph because of the truth: that thy beloved may be delivered.

### THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-10

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus.

And Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid.

And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud,

and with his holy arm hath he gotten himself the victory. **R.**

The Lord declared his salvation;  
his righteousness hath he openly shewed  
in the sight of the heathen.  
He hath remembered his mercy and truth  
toward the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the world  
have seen the salvation of our God.  
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord,  
all ye lands;  
sing, rejoice, and give thanks. **R.**

### THE SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first Letter of St John.

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 16:28

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen, and hath shewed light unto us: whom he hath redeemed with his most precious Blood. Alleluia. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alleluia.

### THE GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Psalm 118:16; Romans 6:9**

Alleluia. Alleluia. The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. Alleluia.

**THE GOSPEL READING****John 15:1-8**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you.

"As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The Sixth Sunday of Easter **B**

**THE FIRST READING****Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.

But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man."

And Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still saying this, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter declared, "Can any one forbid water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Then they asked him to remain for some days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****98**

**R.** All the ends of the world  
have seen the salvation of our God.

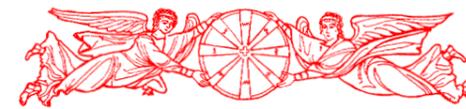
O sing unto the Lord a new song,  
for he hath done marvellous things.  
With his own right hand,

is my beloved Son; listen to him."

And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The Third Sunday of Lent **B**

**THE FIRST READING****Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17**

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

In those days: God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife,

or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****19**

**R.** Lord, thou hast the words  
of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law,  
converting the soul:  
the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
and giveth wisdom unto the simple. **R.**

The statutes of the Lord are right,  
and rejoice the heart:  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
and giveth light unto the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is clean,  
and endureth for ever:  
the judgements of the Lord are true,  
and righteous altogether. **R.**

More to be desired are they than gold,  
yea, than much fine gold:  
sweeter also than honey,  
and the honey-comb. **R.**

**THE SECOND READING****1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brethren: Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Psalm 9:19,3; 123:1-3**

Up Lord, and let not man have the upper hand : let the heathen be judged in thy sight. While mine enemies are driven back : they shall fall and perish at thy presence. Unto thee lift I up mine eyes : O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, even as the eyes of servants : look unto the hand of their masters. And as the eyes of a maiden : unto the hand of her mistress. Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God until he have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord : have mercy upon us.

**THE GOSPEL READING****John 2:13-25**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade."

His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for thy house will consume me."

The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it

up."

The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"

But he spoke of the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The Fourth Sunday of Lent **B**

**THE FIRST READING****2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

A reading from the second Book of Chronicles.

In those days: All the leading priests and the people were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the Lord which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, till the wrath of the

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter **B**

**THE FIRST READING****Acts 9:26-31**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: When Saul had come to Jerusalem he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple.

But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists; but they were seeking to kill him. And when the brethren knew it, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him off to Tarsus.

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was built up; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit it was multiplied.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****22**

**R.** My praise is of thee  
in the great congregation.

My praise is of thee  
in the great congregation;  
my vows will I perform  
in the sight of them that fear him.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
they that seek after the Lord

shall praise him;  
your heart shall live for ever. **R.**

All the ends of the world  
shall remember themselves,  
and be turned unto the Lord :  
and all the kindreds of the nations  
shall worship before him.  
For the kingdom is the Lord's.  
All they that go down into the dust  
shall kneel before him. **R.**

My descendents shall serve him.  
They shall be counted unto the Lord  
for a generation.  
They shall come,  
and the heavens shall declare  
his righteousness  
unto a people that shall be born,  
whom the Lord hath made. **R.**

**THE SECOND READING****1 John 3:18-24**

A reading from the first Letter of St John.

Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

118

**R.** The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner-stone.

O give thanks unto the Lord,  
for he is gracious,  
because his mercy endureth for ever.  
It is better to trust in the Lord  
than to put any confidence in man.  
It is better to trust in the Lord  
than to put any confidence in princes. **R.**

I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me  
and art become my salvation.  
The same stone  
which the builders refused  
is become the head-stone in the corner.  
This is the Lord's doing  
and it is marvellous in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed be he that cometh  
in the Name of the Lord,  
ye that are of the house of the Lord.  
Thou art my God, and I will praise thee;  
thou art my God, I will exalt thee.  
O give thanks unto the Lord,  
for he is good,  
and his mercy endureth for ever. **R.**

**THE SECOND READING**

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first Letter of St John.

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Psalm 119:9; John 10: 14

Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord hath sent redemption: unto his people. Alleluia. I am the good Shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine. Alleluia.

**THE GOSPEL READING**

John 10:11-18

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

**R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Lord rose against his people, till there was no remedy.

And the Chaldeans burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels.

The king of the Chaldeans took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

137

**R.** Let my tongue be silenced  
if I ever forget thee.

By the waters of Babylon  
we sat down and wept  
when we remembered thee, O Sion.  
As for our harps, we hanged them up  
upon the trees that are therein. **R.**

For they that led us away captive  
required of us then a song,  
and melody in our heaviness:  
Sing us one of the songs of Sion. **R.**

How shall we sing the Lord's song  
in a strange land? **R.**

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem  
let my right hand forget her cunning.  
If I do not remember thee,  
let my tongue cleave  
to the roof of my mouth:  
yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem  
in my mirth. **R.**

**THE SECOND READING**

Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Psalm 122:1,7; Psalm 125:1-2

I was glad when they said unto me:

we will go into the house of the Lord. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces. They that put their trust in the Lord, shall be even as the Mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

### THE GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-21

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

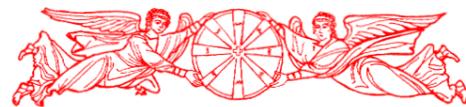
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

"He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

"And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The Fifth Sunday of Lent B

### THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, and I showed myself their Master, says the Lord.

"But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each man teach his neighbour and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

51

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy upon me, O God,  
after thy great goodness :  
according to the multitude  
of thy mercies

keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 25:35,46

Alleluia. Alleluia. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus: in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things: and so to have entered into his glory. Alleluia.

### THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:35-48

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: The two disciples told what had happened on the road, and how Jesus was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you". But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit.

And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have."

And when he had said this he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

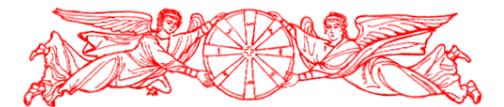
They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses

and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The Fourth Sunday of Easter B

### THE FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well.

"This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord.

do not be faithless, but believing.”

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him, “You have believed because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## The Third Sunday of Easter B

### THE FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: Peter said to the people, “The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

“And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that

your sins may be blotted out.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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R. Lord, shed thy light upon us.

Hear me when I call,  
O God of my righteousness;  
thou hast set me at liberty  
when I was in trouble;  
have mercy upon me,  
and hearken unto my prayer. R.

Know this also,  
that the Lord hath chosen to himself  
the man that is godly:  
when I call upon the Lord,  
he will hear me. R.

There be many that say:  
Who will shew us any good?  
Lord, lift thou up  
the light of thy countenance upon us. R.

I will lay me down in peace,  
and take my rest,  
for it is thou, Lord, only,  
that makest me dwell in safety. R.

### THE SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-6

A reading from the first Letter of St John.

My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He who says “I know him” but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever

do away mine offences.  
Wash me thoroughly  
from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin. R.

Make me a clean heart, O God  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thy holy Spirit from me. R.

O give me the comfort of thy help again,  
and stablish me with thy free Spirit.  
Then shall I teach thy ways  
unto the wicked,  
and sinners shall be converted  
unto thee. R.

### THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear.

Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 143:9,10; 18:49; 129:1-4

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee. It is the Lord that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me up above mine adversaries: thou shalt deliver me from the wicked man. Many a time have they fought against me: from my youth up. May Israel now say: yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up. But

they have not prevailed against me: the plowers ploughed upon my back. And made long furrows: but the righteous Lord hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

### THE GOSPEL READING

John 12:20-33

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honour him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

Jesus answered, “This voice has

come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

He said this to show by what death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## Palm Sunday

SEE YEAR A

## Maundy Thursday

SEE YEAR A

## Good Friday

SEE YEAR A

## Easter Sunday

SEE YEAR A

## The Second Sunday of Easter B

### THE FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common.

And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

118

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let Israel now confess that he is gracious,  
and that his mercy endureth for ever.  
Let the house of Aaron now confess that his mercy endureth for ever.  
Yea, let them now that fear the Lord confess that his mercy endureth for ever. R.

The right hand of the Lord  
hath the pre-eminence:  
the right hand of the Lord  
bringeth mighty things to pass.  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened  
and corrected me,  
but he hath not given me over unto death. R.

The same stone which the builders refused is become the head-stone in the corner. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. R.

### THE SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first Letter of St John.

Beloved: Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the one begotten by him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.

Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20

Alleluia, alleluia. In the day of my resurrection, saith the Lord: I will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia. After eight days, when the doors were shut: stood Jesus in the midst of his disciples,

and said: Peace be unto you. Alleluia.

### THE GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side;