

# FAITH FOR SUNDAY

March 31, 2024 Year B

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord



## OPENING PRAYER

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

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

## LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

### **Gospel: John 20:1-9**

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Death has been overcome in an unprecedented manner and we hear that the people believed. Imagine yourself in this scene. What emotions and feelings would come upon you? With this confirmation that Christ has been raised from the dead, what would be the first thing you would do? How would you share this type of news?

### **Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

In Peter's final missionary speech, he summarizes the life and ministry of Jesus as God's chosen one. More importantly, he shares that the commission has been given to share the news of forgiveness in Jesus' Name. What does this mean for you? How can you be more open to bearing witness to Christ?

# Notes

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4**

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

The power of baptism answers the community's confusion about religious influences and practices. What would you share with others about the sacrament of baptism? St. Paul assure the community that the power of the risen Christ is stronger than the world. In what ways will you seek what is above?

**Feast days this week**

**SUNDAY 31 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
**MONDAY APRIL 1 MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 2 TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**WEDNESDAY 3 WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**THURSDAY 4 THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**FRIDAY 5 FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**SATURDAY 6 SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

*reflect*

Think about how immeasurable God's love is for you!

*pray*

Father God, help me to seek Your Will always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

*live*

Share the joy of Christ in you with others!