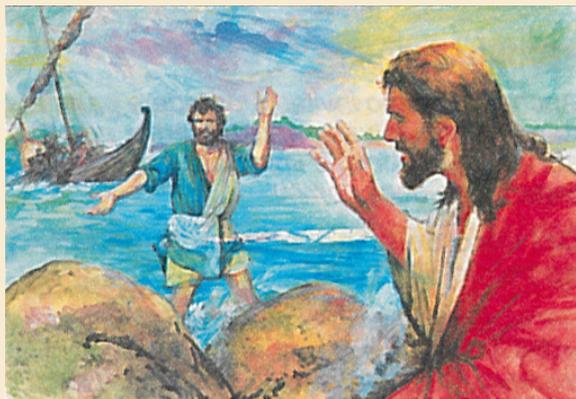


# The Eucharist

1 May 2022 ♦ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / C



The cycle of readings which the church employs is a three-year one during which the Synoptic Gospels, that is the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and Luke, are read and heard in respective years. However, John's gospel is proclaimed at particular times every year. The seven-week celebration of Easter is one such time.



*There was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.'*

## FIRST READING *(Acts 5:27-32.40-41)*

Continuing on from last Sunday's reading, today's two scenes also relate different episodes in the life of the early Christian community of Jerusalem. Their members are called apostles in Acts to emphasise that they have been sent to proclaim the truth of the risen Lord. Here they bear witness to their faith and belief by the words spoken by Peter and by the suffering and humiliation of being beaten for the sake of his name.

## SECOND READING *(Apocalypse 5:11-14)*

Today's second reading is the middle section of last week's excerpt, which has been extracted from its position and used here. Two of the features of this type of writing, called apocalyptic, are the use of numbers, each of which is considered to have a deeper or a poetic meaning, and the use of animals, who are frequently presented, as here, as having the gift of speech.

## GOSPEL *(John 21:1-19)*

The final chapter of the Gospel according to John, chapter 21, may be an appendix to the Gospel, since the ending of the previous chapter appears to close the work. The subjects covered here are the appearance of the risen Jesus to the disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, that is, the Lake of Galilee, and Jesus' rehabilitation of Peter in love, and his commissioning of him to shepherd the sheep.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon

*(Cf. Ps 65:1-2)*

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And with your spirit.**

### Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters),  
let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves  
to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

**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.**

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

**Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### 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.**

### Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God,  
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,  
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,  
we may look forward in confident hope

to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

(Acts 5:27-32.40-41)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said, 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 29:2.4-6.11-13)

**R** I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

*Or: Alleluia!*

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R**
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R**

### SECOND READING

(Apoc 5:11-14)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation — everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever Amen.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Cf. Lk 24:32)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.**

**Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.**

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

(Jn 21:1-19)

(For Shorter Form, read between ♦ ♦).



The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

♦ Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. ♦

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed)

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,

*At the words that follow, up to and including  
and became man, all bow.*

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 priest introduces the* Prayer of the Faithful.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), ...  
**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

Receive, O Lord, we pray,  
these offerings of your exultant Church,  
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,  
grant also that the gifts we bring  
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Eucharistic Prayer III

*(Preface II of Easter)*

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.**

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.

Through him the children of light rise to eternal life  
and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom  
are thrown open to the faithful;  
for his Death is our ransom from death,  
and in his rising the life of all has risen.

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. ...**

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  $\text{✠}$  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.

**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, recognising 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  
(with Saint N.: *the Saint of the day or Patron Saint*)  
and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession in your presence  
we rely for unfailing 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.

Amen.

### THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command ...  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, ...**  
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, ...  
**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

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

Amen.

*The priest may invite the people to exchange a sign of peace  
and Christian fellowship. As the priest breaks the consecrated  
Host the following is sung or said:*

**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.**

*Showing the Host to the people, the priest 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.**

**Communion Antiphon** (Cf. Jn 21:12-13)

**Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.  
And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,  
and grant, we pray,  
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries  
may attain in their flesh  
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

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.

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

### Personal Prayer

Like the disciples on the lake side, I am happy to share  
this meal with you, Lord Jesus, to take the bread that  
you have given.

Can I be like Peter and say: 'You know everything, you  
know that I love you'?

Have pity on my weakness, so that like Peter I may follow  
you more closely.

I do not know what is your will for me in the end.

But grant that I may see the glory of heaven and with all  
living things in creation forever sing:

'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb  
be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.'  
Amen.