

WORSHIP AID

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

APRIL 12, 2026



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song — Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

The Assembly sings:

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he en-dured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King,
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Who did once up - on the cross,
2. Who en - dured the cross and grave,
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save.
3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing.
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. } Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: 77 with additions; vers. 1, Latin, 14th cent.; vers. in Latin Psalms, 1788, alt.; vers. 2-3, The Complete Psalterist, ca. 1750, alt.; vers. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Later form of melody fr. Lina Davidica, 1708.

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ✠ **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act



This Worship Aid is intended to help you fully, actively and consciously participate in the Liturgy.

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Gloria

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Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might - y

Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -

way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a -

way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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Collect *R* Amen.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Dismissal (9:00)

REFRAIN

Let the chil - dren come to me, let the chil - dren come. Let the chil - dren come to me, let the chil - dren come.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading—Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need.

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved

The word of the Lord. *R* Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 118 *Assembly sings:*

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us re-joyce and be glad.

1. let us re-joyce and be glad. 2. glad.

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1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love endures forever. Let the house of Israel say: "His love endures forever."

2. "The Lord's right hand is exalted. The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds." I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes.

Second Reading—1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.

In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the

genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. The word of the Lord. *℟* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Assembly sings:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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 nailmarks 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. *℟* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

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 *Continued on next page*

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. © 2010 ICEL

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) — *℟* Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



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Offertory Song — Alleluia! Love Is Alive *Assembly sings:*

Verses

1. Peo-ple of God, see the morn-ing is new; ♪ rise from your
 2. Peo-ple of God, let your fear fall a - way. Your chains have been
 3. Peo-ple of God now re - joic-ing in Christ, ♪ car - ry your

1. sleep-ing and run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and
 2. bro - ken; a - ban - don your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your
 3. joy to the dark-ness of night. Tell the world! Tell the

1. see! He is a - live! A grave that is emp - ty, a
 2. hearts! He is a - live! ♪ Here now is mer - cy em -
 3. world! He is a - live! ♪ Hear the good news of this

1. prom - ise ful - filled. God who was with us is here with us
 2. brac - ing your soul; here the ful - fill - ment that once was fore -
 3. glo - ri - ous day, ev - ery heart sing - ing as heav - en pro -

1. still. He is here! He is here! He is a - live!
 2. told. It is true! It is true! He is a - live!
 3. claims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is a - live!

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;

con- quered the grave and de- feat - ed the night. Al - le -

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lu - ia! Love is a-live! The Son has a - ris-en for
all. Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

℟ 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

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

℟ And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

℟ We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟ It is right and just.

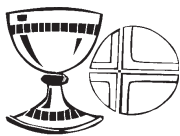
Eucharistic Acclamations

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Holy

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you
come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.



Priest: 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 Song — Because He Lives (Amen)

Assembly sings:

VERSE 1

I be-lieve in the Son. I be-lieve in the
Ris-en One. I be-lieve I o-ver-come
by the pow-er of his blood.

REFRAIN

A-men, a-men, I'm a-live, I'm a-
live be-cause he lives; A-men, a-men, let my
song join the one that nev-er ends be-cause he lives.

VERSE 2

I was dead in the grave; I was cov-ered in
sin and shame; I heard mer-cy call my name;
he rolled the stone a-way.

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BRIDGE

— ends Be-cause he lives I can face to-mor-row;
 be-cause he lives ev-'ry fear is— gone; I know he
 holds my life, my fu-ture in his— hands.

2nd Communion Song — Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.

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Prayer After Communion

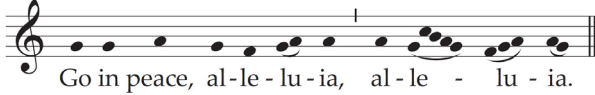
Presider: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord. **℟ Amen.**

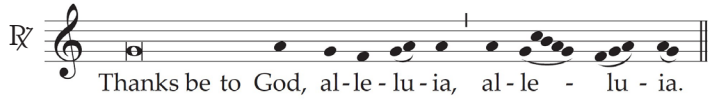
CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing Presider: The Lord be with you. **℟ And with your spirit.**
Deacon: Bow down for the blessing. **Presider:** 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 R Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, X and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. R Amen.

Dismissal The Deacon sings: 

R 


Go in peace, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Thanks be to God, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sending Song — Forever

Assembly sings:

Cantor




1. Give thanks to the Lord, our God and king.
 2. With a might - y hand and an out - stretched arm:
 3. From the ris - ing to the set - ting sun.

All  *Cantor*


1. He is good. He is a -
 2. For the life that has
 3. By the grace of God we will

All



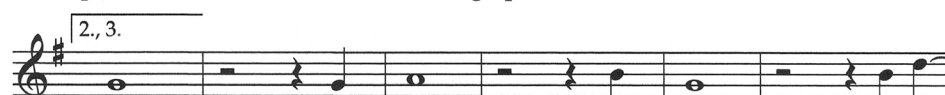
1. bove all things,
 2. been re - born,
 3. car - ry on, } His love en - dures for - ev - er. Sing

All



1. -3. praise. Sing praise. 1. To Verse 2

All




2., 3. Sing praise. Sing praise. For - ev -

REFRAIN



- er God is faith - ful; for - ev - er God is strong.

All



For - ev - er God is with us, for - ev - er.

All



For - ev - For - ev - er. 2. To Verse 3

Final



For - ev - er. For - ev -

All



- er. For - ev - er.

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