

Liturgy Alive of 3rd Sunday of Easter

Greeting

God has glorified his servant Jesus,
the Holy One, the Just One,
the prince of life.
God raised him from the dead
and to that fact we are the witnesses.
In his name we are gathered here.

May the Risen Lord be always with you.

Introduction by the Celebrant

Marked with Wounds

Our faith in the Risen Lord is a concrete faith, a faith in someone who is risen, yes, but not a "ghost," not a figment of the imagination, but real and so much like us, in everything except sin, including wounds and scars and struggles. Is this the Jesus in whom we believe, who walks by our side on the road of life, who sustains us with his love and strength when we struggle and are wounded? For he is really risen, and he goes with us to help us start rising already now in this life above our troubles and fears and cowardice, until we are taken up in his unending joy and happiness. Let it be this Jesus with us with whom we can identify and to whom we bear witness in everyday life.

Penitential Act

If we had more faith in the nearness of the Risen Lord
we would have fallen less into sin.
Let us seek the Lord's forgiveness.
(PAUSE)

Risen Lord Jesus, you show us your hands and feet,
for you are near us:
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus Christ, risen Lord,
before you rose you suffered and died
to bring us forgiveness and life.
Christ, have mercy. *R/ Christ, have mercy.*

Risen Lord Jesus, you eat with us
to share with us your strength and life:
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

By the power of your love change us, Lord,
forgive us all our sins,
and accompany us on the journey

to everlasting life. *R/ Amen.*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray
that we may live the risen life of Jesus.
(PAUSE)
God of the living,
who will believe that your Son is risen
if he is not alive among us today?
Do not let the death of sin hold us,
for he has set us free by his blood.
Make us brim with his life,
that it may overflow on those around us
in deeds of compassionate forgiveness,
of generosity without measure.
Nourish this life in us in the eucharist

of Jesus Christ our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

General Intercessions

God our Father, you help all those who come to you because our risen Lord Jesus Christ stays with us and speaks on our behalf. We pray you: *R/ Lord our God, hear your people.*

- We ask that there be more faith among us, more confidence in the future, because we are certain that Christ is alive and present among us. And so we pray: *R/ Lord our God, hear your people.*
- We ask for a more positive attitude toward all life on earth, more understanding and solidarity among peoples and cultures, whatever language we speak, because we are certain that you call everyone to peace and friendship. And so we pray: *R/ Lord our God, hear your people.*
- We ask you to give us the willingness to make personal sacrifices, for we are certain that in this way we can promote the happiness of the community. And so we pray: *R/ Lord our God, hear your people.*
- We ask you for the spirit of Christian love and of forgiveness toward each and all, for we are certain that all are invited in Christ to share in your unending happiness. And so we pray: *R/ Lord our God, hear your people.*
- We ask you for those baptized in Christ's name that they may follow in Christ's footsteps, and for all married couples, that they may be faithful to you and to one another, for we are certain that you are faithful to them. And so we pray: *R/ Lord our God, hear your people.*
- We ask you for humility for ourselves, for we are certain that Christ has not yet completed his work in us and that we still have to grow in his life. And so we pray: *R/ Lord our God, hear your people.*

Loving God, let your risen Son be alive among us in our words and actions. Hear the prayers of your people, on account of him who stays with you and with us, Jesus Christ, our lord for ever. *R/ Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Living Father,

with bread and wine we celebrate
the presence of your Son in our midst
here around this table
and in every day life.
Let us experience him here
as your great gift to us
and let him stay with us
in our never-ending quest
to be your people free from sin
and living the risen life

of Jesus Christ our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

Where can Jesus be closer to us than here in this eucharist? He speaks to us, we eat and drink him. Here he assures us that he goes with us our sometimes weary way. Let us thank the Father for giving Jesus to us.

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

Jesus stays with us
and lives in the presence of the Father
to intercede for us.

With him we pray to our Father: *R/ Our Father...*

Deliver Us

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil
and grant us faith and peace in our day
through the presence of your risen Son.
Let him stay with us in our pains and fears
that we may overcome them with him.
Let him stay with us too
in days of joy and laughter,
that he may deepen our happiness.
Let hope grow in us
as we wait for the day of his coming in glory

as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *R/ For the kingdom...*

Invitation to the Sign of Peace

We try to be a community which is of one heart and soul.
Let us express this in our greeting of peace.

Invitation to Communion

This is Jesus, the Lamb of God.
He died for us but he is alive.
Happy are we to receive him
and to touch him as our bread of life.

R/ Lord, I am not worthy...

Prayer after Communion

God of life and saving love,
we have enjoyed the presence of your Son among us,
for we have been together in his name,
he has spoken to us his words of life
and we have shared his table.
May he live on in our community
by our attentive presence to one another,
our common faith expressed in deeds
of love and service, of gratitude and forgiveness,
by our efforts to create a better world
where there is justice and hope for all.
May we thus journey together to you

and bear witness that Jesus Christ is our Lord for ever. *R/ Amen.*

Blessing

Christ calls us to bear witness
to his presence among us
as our risen Lord.
Let us live, then, as God's new people,
full of faith and hope and love
and mutual forgiveness.
That we may bring
this blessing to the world,
may almighty God bless you all,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *R/ Amen.*

Go in peace

to love and serve the Lord in one another. *R/ Thanks be to God.*