

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
alleluia, alleluia.

**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**

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your  
Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING** Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:  
"You must have heard about the recent  
happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of  
Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after  
John had been preaching baptism. God had  
anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with  
power, and because God was with him, Jesus  
went about doing good and curing all who  
had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I,  
and those with me, can witness to everything  
he did throughout the countryside of Judaea  
and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact  
that they killed him by hanging him on a tree,  
yet three days afterwards God raised him to  
life and allowed him to be seen, not by the  
whole people but only by certain witnesses  
God had chosen beforehand. Now we are  
those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk  
with him after his resurrection from the  
dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim  
this to his people and to tell them that God  
has appointed him to judge everyone, alive  
or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear  
this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will  
have their sins forgiven through his name."  
The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalms 117

Response:

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

or

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
"His love has no end." (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

**SECOND READING** Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true  
life with Christ, you must look for the things  
that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at  
God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on  
heavenly things, not on the things that are on  
the earth, because you have died, and now  
the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.  
But when Christ is revealed – and he is your  
life – you too will be revealed in all your glory  
with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

**SEQUENCE**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer  
sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended; combat strangely  
ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon  
the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before  
you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we  
know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

It was very early on the first day of the  
week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala  
came to the tomb. She saw that the stone  
had been moved away from the tomb and  
came running to Simon Peter and the other  
disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have  
taken the Lord out of the tomb" she said

"and we don't know where they have put  
him."

So Peter set out with the other disciple to  
go to the tomb. They ran together, but the  
other disciple, running faster than Peter,  
reached the tomb first; he bent down and  
saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but  
did not go in. Simon Peter who was following  
now came up, went right into the tomb, saw  
the linen cloths on the ground, and also the  
cloth that had been over his head; this was  
not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a  
place by itself. Then the other disciple who  
had reached the tomb first also went in; he  
saw and he believed. Till this moment they  
had failed to understand the teaching of  
scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL  
PROMISES**

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through  
the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with  
Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with  
him in newness of life. And so, now that our  
Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew  
the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once  
renounced Satan and his works and promised to  
serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

Do you renounce Satan?

I do.

And all his works?

I do.

And all his empty show?

I do.

Do you believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried,  
rose again from the dead  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting?

I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
who has given new birth by water and the  
Holy Spirit  
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,  
keep us by his grace,  
in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
for eternal life.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,  
alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the  
unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the  
resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# Sunday Message

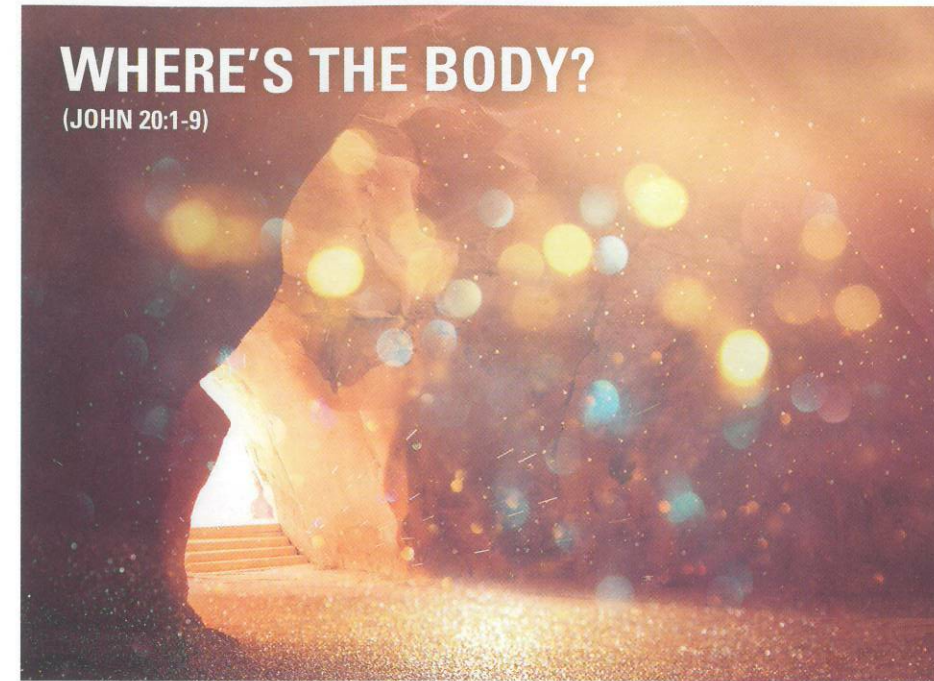
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**THE WORD**

Year C • Psalter Week 1

**WHERE'S THE BODY?**

(JOHN 20:1-9)



The narrative Gospel tradition presents Mary Magdalene as the first  
witness to the resurrection.

We might note that the Gospel accounts do not say that anyone actually saw Jesus  
emerge from the tomb. The women are the constant factor in the story of Jesus' journey  
of suffering. They witness the crucifixion and the burial; Mary Magdalene and others are  
mentioned in the various narratives of the discovery of the empty tomb.

The episode today recalls John's telling of Jesus' raising Lazarus to life, but there are  
important and significant differences in the two scenes. First of all, Lazarus' tomb is still  
sealed, but that of Jesus is open (leading to questions as to why: Mary does not conclude  
from the absence of the body that Jesus is risen). In the case of Jesus, his burial cloths are  
found on the ground and his faccloth rolled up in a separate place: Lazarus appears with  
his funeral sheets around him.

We might notice that the simple fact of the missing body does not inspire Simon Peter to  
faith. Peter may well be the leader of the disciples, but it is the one who is closest to Jesus  
in a relationship of love who understands what has actually happened. ■

**REFLECT**

Sacred art can be very helpful in  
thinking about the mysteries of  
our faith. But sometimes it can  
offer too simplistic an understanding,  
especially of the resurrection of Jesus.  
Apart from the beloved disciple, who  
stands at the origin of the tradition  
going back to John, no one comes  
to believe in the resurrection simply  
through the fact that Jesus' tomb  
is found empty. Mary Magdalene  
tells Simon Peter and the others that  
someone has removed the body and she  
and her companions have no idea what  
has happened to it.

It is only through a personal encounter  
with the risen Jesus that people come  
to believe in the resurrection. They  
have an experience which convinces  
them that Calvary and the cross were  
not the end of the story. Thus, they are  
witnesses to the resurrection, rather  
than witnesses of the resurrection. It is  
on their testimony that the preaching of  
the Gospel is based: the empty tomb is  
never advanced as evidence, because it  
is rather a consequence of what is being  
proclaimed.

Each Easter, we are invited to renew our  
faith in the risen Jesus and to affirm his

**SAY**

This day was made by the  
Lord: we rejoice and are glad!  
(Psalm 117:24)

**DO**

Make the sign of the cross privately with  
water; renew quietly your commitment to  
the person of Jesus.

**LEARN**

No one witnessed Jesus rising from the  
tomb.

The original witnesses come to believe  
through a personal encounter with the risen  
Jesus.

Mary Magdalene is the constant  
presence in the resurrection narratives.

Easter is our opportunity to renew our  
faith and our commitment to Jesus and the  
teachings of the Gospel.



Christ and Mary Magdalene – relief from  
Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris