

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Bensalem, PA

Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 27, 2025

Entrance Antiphon

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Entrance Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today - EASTER HYMN

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!

Gloria Mass of Christ the Savior - Dan Schutte

Refrain
 Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and on earth peace, 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'n - 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,
 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.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing

the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

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

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**



R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

- 1. Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His mercy endures forever." **R**
- 2. I was hard pressed and was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just. **R**
- 3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it. **R**

Second Reading **Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed

God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest.

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

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

Gospel Acclamation **John 20:29**

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe! **R**

Gospel **John 20:19-31**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.**

Profession of Faith

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, **(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

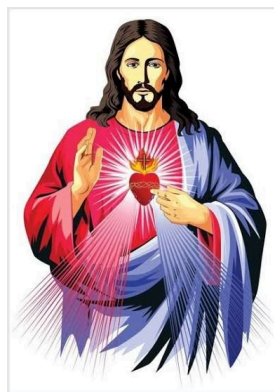
accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

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.

Offertory Hymn

The Jesus Song - Tom Booth

Communion Antiphon

Cf. John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Communion Hymn

Ye Sons and Daughters - O FILII ET FILIAE

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Verses

1. Ye sons and daugh - ters, let us sing! The King of heav'n, the
2. That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful wom - en
3. An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sat, and spoke un -
4. That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - midst them came their
5. When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard, How they had seen the
6. "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see; My hands, my feet, I
7. No long - er Thom - as then de - nied, He saw the feet, the
8. How blest are they who have not seen, And yet whose faith has
9. On this most ho - ly day of days, To God your hearts and

to Refrain

1. glo - rious King, O'er death to - day rose tri - umph - ing.
2. went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
3. to the three, "Your Lord has gone to Gal - i - lee."
4. Lord most dear, And said, "My peace be on all here."
5. ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
6. show to thee; Not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be."
7. hands, the side; "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
8. con - stant been, For they e - ter - nal life shall win.
9. voic - es raise, In laud, and ju - bi - lee and praise.

Recessional Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise - HOLY ANTHEM

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the ho - ly an - them rise, And the
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Like the sun from out the wave, He has
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bless - ed Je - sus, make us rise From the

1. choirs of heav - en chant it In the tem - ple of the skies; Let the
2. ris - en up in tri - umph From the dark - ness of the grave. He's the
3. life of this cor - rup - tion To the life that nev - er dies. May your

1. moun - tains skip with glad - ness, And the joy - ful val - leys ring With ho -
2. splen - dor of the na - tions, He's the lamp of end - less day; He's the
3. glo - ry be our por - tion, When the days of time are past, And the

1. san - nas in the high - est To our Sav - ior and our King!
2. ver - y Lord of glo - ry Who is ris - en up to - day!
3. dead shall be a - wak - ened By the trum - pet's might - y blast!

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Divine Mercy Chaplet (hallow.com/blog/how-to-pray-divine-mercy-chaplet)

1. **Begin with the sign of the cross.**

2. **Prepare your heart and mind.**

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

3. **Pray the prayer of St. Faustina.** On each of the three small beads, pray: *O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (x3)*

4. **Pray an Our Father.**

5. **Pray a Hail Mary.**

6. **Pray the Apostles' Creed.**

7. **First decade**

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads: *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (x10)*

8. **Repeat this pattern four times.** For each decade: begin with the "Eternal Father" prayer, and then pray, "For the sake" ten times.

9. **After five decades, pray for mercy.** Repeat the following prayer three times: *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (x3)*

10. **Close your time in prayer.**

Let us pray: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

11. **Conclude with the sign of the cross.**