

Prayer at Home



Easter Sunday

Preparation

*This prayer may either be used by a household group or an individual. Where there is a group, texts said in response to a Leader are in **bold**.*

Water is a sign of life, the life of Christ begun at our baptism. Place a bowl of water on the table in front of you. Easter Sunday, the Day of the Lord's Resurrection, is an opportunity to renew our baptismal faith.

If you know an Alleluia which you sing at Mass — sing it either side of the Gospel.

Introduction

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

Amen.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus,
we were baptised in his death; in other words,
as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory,
we too might live a new life. (Rom 6:3-5)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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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.

Reflection

Spend a few minutes in silence to reflect on the reading.

Perhaps people could share their memories of baptism, their own or family members.

Remembrance of Baptism

Let us renew our baptismal profession of faith.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I 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. Amen.

Each person now takes some of the Easter water and blesses themselves with it.

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray the family prayer of all the baptised as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

May God bless us and keep us safe.

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

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