

2nd Sunday of Easter – Year A – Ambrosian Rite

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your spirit**

My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins

You are our peace. Kyrie, eleison. All: **Kyrie, eleison.** You are our Passover. Kyrie, eleison. All: **Kyrie, eleison.** You are our life. Kyrie, eleison. All: **Kyrie, eleison.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. 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

OPENING PRAYER

Dio, che ami l'innocenza e la ridoni, avvinci a te il cuore dei tuoi servi; tu, che ci hai liberato dalle tenebre dello spirito non lasciarci allontanare più dalla tua luce. Per Gesù Cristo, tuo Figlio, nostro Signore e nostro Dio, che vive e regna con te, nell'unità dello Spirito Santo, per tutti i secoli dei secoli. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:8-24a)

In those days, Peter, filled with the holy Spirit, answered them, «Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is 'the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.' There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.» Observing the boldness of Peter and John and perceiving them to be uneducated, ordinary men, they were amazed, and they recognized them as the companions of Jesus. Then when they saw the man who had been cured standing there with them, they could say nothing in reply. So they ordered them to leave the Sanhedrin, and conferred with one another, saying, «What are we to do with these men? Everyone living in

Jerusalem knows that a remarkable sign was done through them, and we cannot deny it. But so that it may not be spread any further among the people, let us give them a stern warning never again to speak to anyone in this name.» So they called them back and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. Peter and John, however, said to them in reply, «Whether it is right in the sight of God for us to obey you rather than God, you be the judges. It is impossible for us not to speak about what and heard.» we have seen After threatening them further, they released them, finding no way to punish them, on account of the people who were all praising God for what had happened. For the man on whom this sign of healing had been done was over forty years old. After their release they went back to their own people and reported what the chief priests and elders had told them. And when they heard it, they raised their voices to God with one accord. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM 117

The stone which the builders rejected now is the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, «His mercy endures forever.» **R**.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. **R**.

You are my God, I give you thanks; my God, I offer you praise. Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever. **R**.

EPISTLE

A reading from the letter of saint Paul to the Colossians (2:8-15)

Brothers: See to it that no one captivates you with an empty, seductive philosophy according to human tradition, according to the elemental powers of the world and not according to Christ. For in him dwells the whole fullness of the deity bodily, and you share in this fullness in him, who is the head of every principality and power. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by hand. by stripping off the carnal body, with the circumcision of Christ. You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead (in) transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross; despoiling the principalities and the powers, he made a public spectacle of them, leading them away in triumph by it. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

Thomas, you come to believe because you have seen me: blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according John (20:19-31)

Glory to you, o Lord

At that time, 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**

(the HOMILY follows)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: Lord hear us. All: Lord, graciously hear us.

We all pray together to our Mother: Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

According to the invitation of the Lord, before presenting our gifts to the altar, let us offer each other the sign of peace.

(all exchange a sign of peace)

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified, he has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Volgi benigno lo sguardo, o Padre, ai doni che la tua Chiesa ti offre nella gioia e fa di essi un sacramento di salvezza per quanti li riceveranno con fede. Per Cristo nostro Signore. **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It's right to give him thanks and praise.** (...)

And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we sing (say):

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your

glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(...)

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

(The priest takes the host and breaks it over the chalice. Meanwhile the following verse is read.)

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!". The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

OUR FATHER

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. Amen

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: "I leave you peace, my peace I give you", look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away

the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Effondi largamente o Dio, nei nostri cuori la grazia dei sacramenti pasquali perché ci renda capaci di accogliere la ricchezza della vita risorta. Per Cristo nostro Signore. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit Kyrie, eléison. Kyrie, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us go in peace In the name of Christ