

EASTER WEDNESDAY

Nicene Creed. Proper Preface for Easter. Gloria.

The Collect.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly festival of the Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: mercifully grant that we may so observe this temporal feast, that we may be found worthy to attain to everlasting felicity; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lesson for the Epistle. Acts of the Apostles.

3.12, 13-15, 17-19

IN those days: Peter answered unto the people, ye men of Israel, The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; and killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. But those things, which God before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.

THE SEQUENCE. *Victimae Paschali.*

CHRISTIANS, to the paschal victim / Offer
your thankful praises.

A lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ who only
is sinless, / reconcileth sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat
stupendous: / the prince of life, who died, reigns
immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring / What thou sawest,
wayfaring.

“The tomb of Christ, who is living, / The glory
of Jesus’ resurrection;

Bright angels attesting, / The shroud and napkin
resting.

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen: / To Galilee he
goes before you”.

Christ indeed from death is risen, Our new life
obtaining: / Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning.
Amen. Alleluia.

The Gospel. St. John 21:1-14

AT that time: Jesus showed himself again to the
disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this
wise showed he himself. There were together
Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and
Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of
Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon
Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto
him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and
entered into a ship immediately; and that night they

caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his father's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far off from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes. As soon as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. This is now the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

The Gospel Lesson may end here or continue below:

¹⁵ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou

knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. ¹⁶He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. ¹⁷He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. ¹⁹This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

The Offertory. Psalm 78:24-26.

The Lord opened the doors of heaven: and rained down manna upon them for to eat: he gave them food from heaven: so man did eat Angels' food, alleluia.

The Communion. Romans 6:9

Christ being raised from the dead, dieth no more, alleluia: death hath no more dominion over him, alleluia, alleluia.