



*Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille
with Aix-en-Provence
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2nd Sunday of Easter*

Welcome to our online service. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for this Sunday. There is also a reflection by our Reader, Christine Portman, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.

The service will be in two parts. Christine will begin by leading us through the Ministry of the Word. After the Peace, Canon David Pickering will celebrate the Eucharist and we will share in an act of Spiritual Communion, the prayer used where it is not possible for communicants physically to receive consecrated bread and wine.

The Gathering

The minister says

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

All **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49hPB6NTVEE>

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
and earth her song begin!
The round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

*Words: John of Damascus, 8th century, tr. J M Neale (1862)
Tune: Ellacombe – Württemberg, 1784*

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The minister says

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The minister says

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Gloria

All say:

**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.**

The Collect

The minister says

Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ in glory.

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading

Acts 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

1 Behold how good and pleasant it is *
to dwell together in unity.

2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, *
running down upon the beard,

3 Even on Aaron's beard, *
running down upon the collar of his clothing.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
running down upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: *
even life for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

New Testament Reading

1 John 1.1-2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27p98aLPZPI>

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

*Words: J M C Crum (1872-1958)
Tune: Noel Nouvelet – French carol*

Gospel Reading

John 20.19-end

The minister says

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

All **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then 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.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told 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 in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

Words from this morning's Collect: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth. Faith in Christ's Resurrection has consequences: we know it means turning our backs on old and destructive habits, going about our daily lives in a new way. But we're a week on from the joy of Easter, and have you, each and every day since, *always* served our Lord in *pureness of living and truth*? I know I certainly haven't! Temptation is always there: it's human nature to put self first, to give in to emotions, to re-run past hurts and dislike others when their behaviour annoys us. When we see horrific events unfolding worldwide we may even experience

hatred for those who are causing suffering to others. We can easily forget that in Christ's Resurrection, he calls us to embody his new way of living each and every day of our lives.

I suspect that as we're living 2,000 years after the events, we don't experience the same urgency as those first Christians we heard about in this morning's first reading. In our churches, we give what we feel we can afford, we try to ensure that our chaplaincies and parishes continue as a Christian presence wherever we live. And there are still communities where everything is held in common and income is shared equally for the good of all the members. But let's be honest, those places are few and far between. Although some leave their houses to the Church, how many sell their homes and give the proceeds for the common good?

Just as some people feel guilty about not having enough faith, others feel awkward, even guilty when they compare the state of the Church today with those early heady days as reported in the Acts of the Apostles, but life moves on. Perhaps this has a good deal to do with a changing understanding of the meaning of Christ's Second Coming. In all three Synoptic Gospels Jesus tells his disciples that he will appear again at the catastrophic end of the world. Read through Matthew 24 again and you'll see all these predictions. Many historians and theologians believe that when early Christians heard that *this generation* (in Greek, *genea*) *will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened*, it was largely interpreted as meaning that all Jesus' contemporaries would witness his return.

Yet several decades on, by the time Paul and John were writing, already we see a movement in how Christians were understanding the events of Jesus' life, and especially the meaning of his Passion and Resurrection. We see deep reflection on their significance for humanity as a whole. The letters of John seem designed to strengthen the faith of Christian communities and to explain the meaning of Jesus' death:

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1.5-9)

The Light of the world has passed through the darkness of human death so that we too may walk with him in the light – and we do that by turning our backs on the darkness and dying to sin. The Resurrection is experienced in the new life of those who receive him.

At the start of today's gospel reading, Thomas had not yet experienced that new life. Jesus first appeared to frightened disciples inside a locked room, but Thomas wasn't there. Blessed with a God-given rational mind, he flatly states *Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands,*

and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe. What about you? Put in the same situation, wouldn't you be wondering if the others really had seen him? In Luke's gospel, their reaction to the women coming back from the empty tomb is similar: *these words seemed to them an idle tale and they did not believe them.*

Doubt and questioning are entirely natural; belief is difficult and faith exists in the face of doubt. Hebrews 11.1 puts it very clearly: *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* But sometimes we may feel guilty for questioning the grounds of our faith. I recently read a review of a book called *Faith, Hope and Carnage*. It's a series of interviews of the Australian musician, Nick Cave. Following the loss of two of his sons he said: *....my religious temperament, which has always been there, was ignited after Arthur died. there's always been this struggle between religious belief and my rational self's skepticism of that, which I saw as a religious failing on some level. Something turned around in me so that I can now see that not as a failing but rather that the whole energy of my creativity was within this struggle. That struggle is perhaps the religious experience itself.*

In a sermon, Timothy Warren comments *Doubt can be a wonderful tool that propels us into deeper learning, earnest soul searching, and spiritual revelation. Faith based on absolute certainty leads to fanaticism, but faith tempered with doubt is mature and stable.* Some of the greatest Christian thinkers have experienced lengthy periods of spiritual doubt and drought. The priest and writer Henri Nouwen wrote, *So I am praying while not knowing how to pray. I am resting while feeling restless, at peace while tempted, safe while still anxious, surrounded by a cloud of light while still in darkness, in love while still doubting.*

What Saint Paul calls the *folly* of the Cross can only make sense to believers who know and experience the living Christ in their hearts. And this takes trust that, despite all that may be going on in the turmoil of our lives, God loves us.

In today's gospel, Thomas represents all of us who at any time waver in our faith. Once he recognizes his risen Lord, he has no need to put his hands upon Jesus' wounds, he simply says: *My Lord, and my God.* David tells me that before he took his first Communion, he was taught to say, as the Host was placed into his hands, those simple, yet totally accepting words: *My Lord, and my God.*

For those of us who believe in the Resurrection, when life throws up painful changes the only constant that remains is our faith in God's unending love for us, a deep understanding of his love, still known in our hearts despite present pain. In her Lenten reflections, Diane Houdek writes: *if our faith is only an intellectual exercise, a list of rules and doctrines instead of a personal encounter with the divine, we will miss the way it can truly change our hearts.* In dark times, fresh encounters with the scriptures can help us to rediscover our hope. Today's gospel shows us Thomas's personal transformation from doubt and cynicism to love and acceptance of the risen Christ. Jesus' reply should warm our hearts: *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.*

We thank you, Lord, that you have made yourself known to us, that we have experienced the transforming grace of encountering you, and that we know your presence with us now as we worship you, our Lord, and our God.

Amen.

Christine Portman, Reader

The Nicene Creed

All **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 and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the Church and the world, as we thank God for his goodness.

Father, we pray for the Church throughout the world, for all who have faith in the peace of Christ. Increase our faith, dispersing fears that hold us back from complete trust in you. Heal divisions among Christians, making all of one heart and soul in faith to proclaim the power of the Resurrection.

We ask your blessings on our Bishop Robert, our Archdeacon Peter, our Chaplain Jamie and the ministry team, and on all who seek to serve you here in Marseille, Aix and the Luberon, that we may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Have mercy on all who suffer persecution for their faith, who must meet in secret and cannot worship openly. Give them strength in their need, give light to those who oppress them, so that all who trust in the Resurrection may be free to share their joy.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people around the world who live in fear of war, persecution or oppression. We pray that Christ's victory over death will turn hearts from violence and revenge and help us respect the value and dignity of each human life. Give hope and courage to those who work for reconciliation, wherever there is loss of trust. Protect all aid workers who so selflessly risk their lives every day tending to the sick, the hungry, the wounded and the dispossessed. Strengthen their resolve and courage as they seek to bring healing and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those locked in poverty, illiteracy, unemployment and violence, for those exposed to conflicts, exploitation, abusive relationships: give them strength and help them to trust. Give us courage to name the barriers that prevent people from experiencing your love and lead abundant lives and move our hearts to assist the vulnerable in our communities.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

On this World Day of Health, we give thanks for all scientists, researchers, organizations, movements and enterprises that contribute to the well-being of people and advocate against all barriers that inhibit access to it. We pray for all doctors, nurses and health workers: replenish their energy and desire to serve their patients, strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Comfort the sick and suffering with your living presence. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm confused minds and reassure the lonely. Give them the courage they need today and every day.

From our community, we bring before you Malcolm, Peter, Gabrielle, Eddie, Gerline, Doreen, Diane and Sam, and especially at this time we pray for King Charles, Catherine, Princess of Wales and Sarah, Duchess of York. And in a moment of silence, we name in our hearts those known to us who need your peace and healing.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We remember before you those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Grant them the full vision of the risen Christ in whom they have eternal life. May we who now follow in faith share with them the promised blessing.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ, stands among us, and we have seen the marks of your saving love. Breathe on us with the power of your Holy Spirit and send us out to share the peace of Christ with all who may cross our paths in the weeks ahead.

All: Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of Your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

The minister says

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ezuuH7fKYo>

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we with our hearts in heaven.
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty!

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)
Tune: Lux Eoi – Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

Preparation of the Table

The celebrant says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

All **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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite,
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés;
et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

As circumstances are such that we cannot share in the Eucharist in person, we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in his presence in the Eucharist, and we ask him to unite himself with us.

Heavenly Father, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though we cannot at this time receive Communion, we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts, dwell in us in the fullness of your strength, and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence. Amen.

Music: Maxim Berezovsky (1745-1777) - Cherubic hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpmxV8QdwhU>

Let us, who mystically represent the Cherubim,
and sing unto the Life-Giving Trinity the thrice-holy hymn.
now lay aside all earthly cares,
that we may receive the King of all
who comes invisibly escorted by the angelic hosts. Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3C9zPUG_VCs

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Words: Edmond Budry, tr Richard Hoyle
Tune: Maccabaeus - G F Handel*

Blessing

The celebrant says

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All In the name of Christ, Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

Picture: Ham of Fécamp, Doubting Thomas, from a French Psalter, c. 1180

Offertory

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