

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Romans 6:3-11*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

All rise, as the choir sings the Alleluia

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

(R.) **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Next week (2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy)

1st: [Acts 2:42-47](#); Psalm 117; 2nd: [1 Pet 1:3-9](#);

Gospel: [Jn 20:19-31](#)

GOSPEL Mt 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

HOMILY

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

BLESSING OF WATER

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

BLESSING OF PEOPLE WITH EASTER WATER

THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened
bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

Dismissal with double Alleluia.

LOURDES PARISH



EARLWOOD

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WEEK 15 EASTER SUNDAY (A) 11/12 APRIL 2020

All the lights out and church in darkness, The Priest begins with the blessing of the fire and lighting the Easter/Paschal Candle with which he enters the church. **EASTER PROCLAMATION / EXSULTET**

First Reading Genesis 1:1 – 2:2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water. God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light. God saw that light was good, and God divided light from darkness. God called light 'day', and darkness he called 'night'. Evening came and morning came: the first day. God said, 'Let there be a vault in the waters to divide the waters in two.' And so it was. God made the vault, and it divided the waters above the vault from the waters under the vault. God called the vault 'heaven'. Evening came and morning came: the second day. God said, 'Let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear.' And so it was. God called the dry land 'earth' and the mass of waters 'seas', and God saw that it was good. God said, 'Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit with their seed inside, on the earth.' And so it was. The earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seed in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the third day. God said, 'Let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years. Let them be lights in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth.' And so

it was. God made the two great lights: the greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw that it was good.

Evening came and morning came: the fourth day. God said, 'Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth within the vault of heaven.' And so it was. God created great sea-serpents and every kind of living creature with which the waters teem, and every kind of winged creature. God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying 'Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the birds multiply upon the earth.' Evening came and morning came: the fifth day. God said, 'Let the earth produce every kind of living creature: cattle, reptiles, and every kind of wild beast.' And so it was. God made every kind of wild beast, every kind of cattle, and every kind of land reptile. God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.' God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very

Mass Weekends:

Saturday 5.00pm *LOL*, 6.30pm *Bernadette's*

Sunday 8.00am *Bernadette's*, 9.30am *LOL*

Children's Liturgy: during 9.30am Mass

10.45am *(Italian)*. 6pm Maronite Mass in English.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4- 4.45pm *LOL*

Mass Weekdays:

St. Bernadette Tue 6.30 pm, Fri 6.30am

LOL: Wed 8.30am, Thurs 8.30am, Friday 9am

Baptisms: 12noon 2nd & 4th Sundays at *LOL*

11am 3rd Sunday at *St Bernadette's*

Reconciliation: Saturday 6 - 6.20pm *St. Bernadette's*

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good. Evening came and morning came: the sixth day. Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103
(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe! (R.)

You founded the earth on its base,
to stand firm from age to age.
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:
the waters stood higher than the mountains. (R.)

You make springs gush forth in the valleys:
they flow in between the hills.
On their banks dwell the birds of heaven;
from the branches they sing their song. (R.)

From your dwelling you water the hills;
earth drinks its fill of your gift.
You make the grass grow for the cattle
and the plants to serve man's needs. (R.)

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
Bless the Lord, my soul! (R.)

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
who are wonderful in the ordering of all your works,
may those you have redeemed understand
that there exists nothing more marvellous
than the world's creation in the beginning
except that, at the end of the ages,
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Reading Exodus 14:15 – 15:1

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so?
Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise
your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and
part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on
dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the
Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So
shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of
all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I

have won glory for myself, at the expense
of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the
Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front
of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to
their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the
front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came
between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp
of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed
without the armies drawing any closer the whole night
long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The
Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind
all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters
parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right
into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them.
The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went,
right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots,
and his own horsemen. In the morning watch, the
Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from
the pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the army into
confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that
they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from
the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried 'the Lord is fighting
for them against the Egyptians!' 'Stretch out your
hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses 'that the
waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their
chariots and their horsemen.' Moses stretched out his
hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea
returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched
right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in
the very middle of the sea. The returning waters
overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen
of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the
Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was
left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the
sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of
them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the
Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead
on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the
Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the
people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the
Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang
this song in honour of the Lord:

*The choir takes up the Responsorial Psalm
immediately.*

Responsorial Psalm Exodus 15:1-6. 17-18.

(R.) Let us sing to the Lord;
he has covered himself in glory.

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.
This is my God and I extol him,
my father's God and I give him praise. (R.)

The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name.
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.
The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. (R.)

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,
your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. (R.)

You will lead your people and plant them on your
mountain, the place, O Lord, where you have made
your home, the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands
have made. The Lord will reign for ever and ever. (R.)

Let us pray.

O God, whose ancient wonders
remain undimmed in splendour even in our day,
for what you once bestowed on a single people,
freeing them from Pharaoh's persecution
by the power of your right hand
now you bring about as the salvation of the nations
through the waters of rebirth,
grant, we pray, that the whole world
may become children of Abraham
and inherit the dignity of Israel's birthright.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Reading Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though
you have no money, come! Buy corn without money,
and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages
on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you
will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will
live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David. See, I have
made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a
master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation
you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to
you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy
One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while

he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man
his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will
take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my
ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your
thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down
from the heavens and do not return without watering
the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide
seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the
word that goes from my mouth does not return to me
empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in
what it was sent to do.

Responsorial Psalm Is 12:2-6. R. v.3

(R.) You will draw water joyfully
from the springs of salvation.

1. Truly God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. (R.)
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples,
declare the greatness of his name. (R.)
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
sole hope of the world,
who by the preaching of your Prophets
unveiled the mysteries of this present age,
graciously increase the longing of your people,
for only at the prompting of your grace
do the faithful progress in any kind of virtue.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
*The altar candles are lit, the lights put on, the bells
are rung as the GLORIA is sung.*