

Easter Sunday



FAMILY CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM AT HOME

1. During Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem” (Paschalis Solemnitatis, 27).
2. “The greatest mysteries of the redemption are celebrated yearly by the Church beginning with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday until Vespers of Easter Sunday. This time is called “the triduum of the crucified, buried and risen”[42]; it is also called the “Easter Triduum” because the Paschal Mystery is celebrated, that is, the passing of the Lord from this world to his Father. The Church by the celebration of this mystery, through liturgical signs and sacramentals, is united to Christ her Spouse in intimate communion” (Paschalis Solemnitatis, 38).
3. Due to the prohibition of public gatherings during this period of social distancing, we will return to the practice of the early Church of celebrating the liturgy in the homes of Christians. These celebrations are based on the church document; *Celebration of Easter Triduum in the Absence of the Priest and the Directory for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest*.
4. Priests in their parish churches or chapels will celebrate the liturgy of Holy Week and Easter Triduum without a public gathering. The members of the family may be able to participate in the liturgy through live streaming.
[Live Stream Holy Week Liturgies](#)
5. A member of the family will lead the household in prayer for the evening liturgy of Holy Thursday, the afternoon liturgy of the Good Friday, and the liturgy of Easter Vigil.
6. For the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday a member of the family washes the feet of the other family members. Traditionally, gifts for the poor are brought during the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Project Compassion donations collected during the season of Lent can be sent to the Church later if contact is currently not possible. [Caritas Australia](#)
7. On Good Friday the members of the family can venerate their crucifix at home.
8. At the Easter Vigil, the Church keeps watch meditating on the wonderful story of God’s work of creation and salvation,
9. On Easter Sunday the assembly in the absence of a priest renew their baptismal promises. The family Easter candle is lit.

FAMILY CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM AT HOME

We are presenting for the benefit of our faithful Family Celebrations of the Holy Week and Easter Triduum with two options.

- a. following the live streaming of celebrations from the cathedral with some suggestions of rituals the members of the family can do at home.

St Mary's Cathedral, Perth [Live Stream Link](#)

- b. prayers/celebrations led by a member of the family following the church document, Easter Triduum Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest.

We reflect back to the experience of the early Church when Christians gathered to worship at home. This is an opportune time to encourage families to pray at home.

For families who opt to follow the live streaming of liturgical celebrations, we encourage you to consider the following activities.

EASTER SUNDAY

The family Easter candle is lit.

The family members participate in the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. After the renewal, as a reminder of Baptism, they can trace the sign of the cross at each other's forehead.

You may wish to use all or part of this ritual for you at home.

Preparation

Table with a white cloth. Place on the table:

- Candles and matches
- Bible
- Decorate with flowers
- Decorated Easter candle
- Bells

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING SONG

[Music Link: This Day was made by the Lord](#)

[Hymn Lyrics](#)

Light your Paschal Candle

After the song the members of the family makes the sign of the cross.

Leader:

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Members of the family:

He is truly risen, alleluia!

Leader:

As we come together to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Our Lord,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, let us now give glory to God in the highest
and to his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who took away our sins.

GLORIA

[Music Link: Gloria](#)

Members of the family:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.



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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Leader:

Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, let our hearts burn within us,
as we listen to God's word.

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.
The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



SILENT REFLECTION

Invite those present to share some
thoughts about the Gospel Reading.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

All stand holding lit candles for the renewal of their baptismal promises.

Leader:

Through the paschal mystery
we have been buried with Christ in baptism,
so that we may rise with him to a new life.
Now that we have completed our Lenten observance,
let us renew the promises we made in baptism
when we renounced Satan and all the work of evil,
and promised to serve God faithfully
in the holy Catholic Church. And so:

All:

We renounce Satan,
and all his works,
and all his empty promises.

We believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord who
was born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead and
is seated at the right hand of the Father.

We 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.

After the renewal of Baptismal Promises as a reminder of Baptism, the members of the family can trace the sign of the cross on each other's forehead.



GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Leader:

Christ is the Lord of life, raised up by the Father;
in turn he will raise us up by his power.

Let us address our petitions to the heavenly Father as we pray:

R. Father, we beseech you, hear us.

A member of the family:

May the Church proclaim with all courage your Son's victory to a world living in sin,
in agony, and in fear.

We pray.

R. Father, we beseech you, hear us.

May all the baptized believers
die to their sins and live up to their dignity as children of God.

We pray.

R. Father, we beseech you, hear us.

May the faithful departed share in Christ's glorious Resurrection.

We pray.

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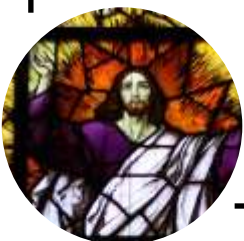
Leader:

Father, your Son conquered the power of death.

Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives, through Jesus our Lord
who lives and reigns with you
for ever and ever.

The members of the family reply:

Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray together as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

The leader of prayer invites the members of the family to pray:

All: Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot not receive You sacramentally in the fulness of the
Eucharist, Your presence in the Gospel and small community gathered fill
me with your spirit of hope and love. I embrace You and unite myself
entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Leader: All stand
Eternal God,
watch over your Church with unfailing care,
that we who have received new life
through the paschal mystery of Christ
may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



The leader then recites the following prayer.

Now that we have celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us go and proclaim the word we have heard and live according to the spirit of the Sacrament we have received.

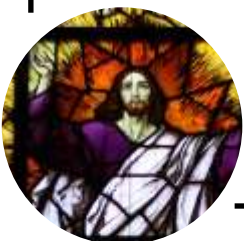
And may Almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

FINAL SONG

Music Link: [Jesus is Risen! Let us Sing!](#)

[Hymn Lyrics](#)





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