

ST. FRANCIS NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PRAYER: *(please say quietly to yourself upon entering church)*
O, God, on this “day of days” we met to give you the tribute of our praise: for the resurrection of Jesus, for the everlasting hopes that rise within the human heart and for the gospel which has brought life and immortality to light. Receive our thanksgiving, reveal your presence, and send into our hearts the Spirit of Christ. Amen.



THEME: EASTER – Celebrate “Life”. Jesus is alive! Jesus is risen! Alleluia.
The promise has been fulfilled. Not only has Jesus Himself risen, but with that has come the promise that each of us “Christ Lovers” will also rise to live forever. What a great celebration of life and how lucky we are to be God’s people. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

8:30 AM: PROCESSION OF THE RESURRECTION and the HOLY MASS
(The celebrant will give the symbols of the resurrection to those who carry them in the procession prior to taking his place at the open grave.)

AT THE OPEN GRAVE – The priest sings Psalm 117, then...

PRIEST: Lord have mercy.
PEOPLE: Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.
PRIEST: Our Father...
PRIEST: In your resurrection, O Christ, Alleluia.
PEOPLE: The heavens and the earth rejoice,
Alleluia.
PRIEST: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: And also with you.
PRIEST: Let us pray.
PEOPLE: Amen.

The celebrant asperges and incenses the sepulchre, has the humeral placed on him and takes the monstrance and turns towards the faithful.

The procession having assembled, he intones:

PRIEST: Come, Rejoice, Our Lord is Risen. *(procession begins)*
PEOPLE: Come sing out the Proclamation. *(see separate hymn sheet)*

(PLEASE NOTE: The procession proceeds three times around the church. There will be no stops.)

After the priest returns to the main altar, the symbols of the resurrection are then taken and placed by the priest. First, the statue of the resurrected Christ; second, the paschal candle; third, the cross.

Priest and congregation, sing three times each in a higher tone, the following:

PRIEST: The Lord is risen from the dead. Alleluia!
PEOPLE: The Lord who died for us on the wood of the cross, Alleluia!
PRIEST: In your resurrection, O Christ, Alleluia!
PEOPLE: The Heavens and Earth rejoice, Alleluia!
PRIEST: Let us pray!
PEOPLE: Amen.



Procession Hymn

COME REJOICE OUR LORD IS RISEN

Come, rejoice our Lord is risen,
Come sing out the proclamation.
Come sing of His resurrection.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lo, our heav'nly King comes to us,
As a flow'r, arrayed so beauteous,
Over death He reigns victorious.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

All the pow'rs of hell are broken,
All the foes of God are fallen,

Yet us, He has not forsaken.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Three days in the tomb He lay there,
The father of mankind He would bear,
That His life all mankind might share.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

O Lord, through Thy resurrection,
May we find from sin redemption,
And at last know Thy salvation.
Alleluia, Alleluia



GLORIA

READING I - Acts 10: 34, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R/ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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/ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is exalted.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

R/ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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

R/ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

READING II - Colossians 3: 1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5: 6-8

SEQUENCE - To the Paschal Victim let Christians offer a sacrifice of praise.

R/ Alleluia. Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **R/ Alleluia.**

GOSPEL - John 20: 1-9

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb. She saw that the stone has been moved away, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple (the one Jesus loved and told them, "The Lord has been taken from the tomb! We don't know where they have put him!") At that Peter and the other disciple started out on their way toward the tomb. They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran peter and reached the tomb first. He did not enter but bent down to peer in, and saw the wrappings lying on the ground. Presently, Simon Peter came along behind him and entered the tomb. He observed the wrappings on the ground and saw the piece of cloth which had covered the head not lying with the wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. (Remember, as yet they did not understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) This is the gospel of the Lord.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, hear us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Come Rejoice Our Lord Is Risen*"

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COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - "*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*O'er Death Victorious*"

