

# EASTER DAY

## Opening Prayer

God our Father,  
by raising Christ your Son  
you conquered the power of death  
and opened for us  
the way to eternal life.  
Let our celebration today  
raise us up and renew our lives  
by the Spirit that is within us.  
Grant this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, first-born from the dead,  
who lives and reigns with you  
now and always  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen.

*or, especially at Baptism:*

God of undying life,  
by your mighty hand  
you raised up Jesus from the grave  
and appointed him judge  
of the living and the dead.  
Bestow upon those baptised  
into his death  
the power flowing from his  
resurrection,  
that we may proclaim near and far  
the pardon and peace you give us.  
Grant this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, first-born from the dead,  
who lives and reigns with you  
now and always  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen.

## Re-affirmation of Baptismal Vows after Sermon.

*The Paschal Candle is processed to the font.*

Dear Friends,  
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 rejected Satan  
and his works,  
and promised to serve God faithfully  
in his holy Catholic Church.

And so:

**Do you turn to Christ?**

All: I do.

**Do you repent of your sins?**

All: I do.

**Do you renounce evil?**

All: I do.

**Do you believe and trust in  
God the Father?**

All: I do.

**Do you believe and trust in his Son  
Jesus Christ?**

All: I do.

**Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?**

All: I do.

God, the all-holy Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
has given us a new birth by water  
and the Holy Spirit,  
and forgiven all our sins.

May he also keep us faithful to our Lord  
Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

*The priest then sprinkles the people with blessed  
water from the font and returns to the altar for the  
Offertory.*

## Post Communion

God of wonder and love,  
who for the life of the world  
gave your only Son  
to the death of the Cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
delivered us from the power of evil:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Notices followed by Processional:**

*Hail thee, festival day!*

## Blessing

## Regina Coeli

**Dismissal** (*alleluia, alleluia!*)