

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: We rejoice today because Christ is risen. Alleluia! In a spirit of joy and gratitude, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

✠ For God's holy Church, that we may always be a visible sign of the risen Lord in the world, we pray;

► **Risen Savior, hear us.**

✠ For all people, especially those living in the darkness of despair, whether due to war, oppression, captivity, or poverty, that they may see the light of the risen Christ in their corner of the world, we pray;

► **Risen Savior, hear us.**

✠ For an end to divisions in our world, our country, our community, and our families, that the peace of Christ may heal whatever separates us, we pray;

► **Risen Savior, hear us.**

✠ For those newly baptized members of the Church, that their joy in their new life in Christ may enter their hearts and remain with them forever, we pray;

► **Risen Savior, hear us.**

✠ For all of us here celebrating the resurrection of Christ together, that we may bring that joy to our family members, friends, and neighbors who cannot be here today, we pray;

► **Risen Savior, hear us.**

✠ That those who have died will rejoice in the reward of everlasting life, we pray;

► **Risen Savior, hear us.**

✠ For the intentions of our baskets, Peter Kabat, the continued success of the Renovation projects, the Diocesan Annual Appeal and the needs of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes, we pray;

► **Risen Savior, hear us.**

(Pause for intentions from the heart to be prayed.)

Presider: Almighty God, today we celebrate the day you raised your Son to be with you in glory and anticipate the day that we may be raised as well. Hear our prayers we raise to you today and grant them according to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ALL: AMEN!

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018
MASS INTENTION:
†Peter Kabat

OPENING RITE

PENITENTIAL RITE:

We seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, you are the everlasting judge of the living and the dead:

Lord, have mercy,**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you reconcile sinners to the Father:

Christ have mercy,**Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the hope of your people:

Lord, have mercy,**Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Gather #44 – Psalm 98
All the Ends of the Earth

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES:

My friends, through our Baptism, we have been buried with Christ so that we may rise with him to a new life. Having completed our Lenten observance, we 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. To these questions of our faith, I invite you to respond, “**I do.**”

Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God’s children? **I do.**

Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? **I do.**

Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness? **I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? **I do.**

Do you 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? **I do.**

Sprinkling with the Water of Baptismal Renewal: **Sung**

