

Easter School Mass

Call to Worship:

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!
We gather today to celebrate the most important event in our Christian faith,
the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus. As children of God, we are invited to be
more like Jesus by living a life of faith, hope and service to others.



Opening Song: _____

First Reading:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "the Beautiful Gate" every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarean, rise and walk." Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the one who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at what had happened to him. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

The response is: **Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.**

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;
make known among the nations his deeds.
Sing to him, sing his praise,
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

R. Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.

Glory in his holy name;
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!
Look to the LORD in his strength;
seek to serve him constantly.

R. Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.

You descendants of Abraham, his servants,
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He, the LORD, is our God;
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

R. **Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.**

He remembers forever his covenant
which he made binding for a thousand generations
Which he entered into with Abraham
and by his oath to Isaac.

R. **Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 *The Walk to Emmaus*

Prayers of the Faithful:

The response is: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the church and its entire people, that we may rejoice in the good news of Jesus' resurrection. We pray to the Lord. **R**

For newly baptized Christians, that they may go forward and spread the news of the Gospel. We pray to the Lord. **R**

For the community of _____ that we be living examples of the resurrection. We pray to the Lord. **R**

For the members of our community who are sick, may they find the strength that Jesus had to overcome their illness. We pray to the Lord. **R**

For the members of our families that have died. May they rise again in the Kingdom of heaven. We pray to the Lord. **R**

For the silent prayers that remain in our hearts. We pray to the Lord. **R**

Offertory Song: _____

Communion Song: _____

Closing Song: _____