



Pope Francis' Teaching on the Liturgy – Desiderio Desideravi (continued)

*As it is Easter Sunday, I was looking for something different for this page. However, I read the next section of this letter to us from Pope Francis, on liturgical formation, and thought — **WOW!** I can do no better than offer you this reflection for Easter, from Francis. Liturgy is key for our existence. Let us reflect on that.*

Therefore, the fundamental question is this: how do we recover the capacity to live completely the liturgical action? This was the objective of the Council's reform. The challenge is extremely demanding because modern people — not in all cultures to the same degree — have lost the capacity to engage with symbolic action, which is an essential trait of the liturgical act.

With post-modernity people feel themselves even more lost, without references of any sort, lacking in values because they have become indifferent, completely orphaned, living a fragmentation in which a horizon of meaning seems impossible. And so it is even more weighed down by the burdensome inheritance that the previous epoch left us, consisting in individualism and subjectivism. It consists also in an abstract spiritualism which contradicts human nature itself, for a human person is an incarnate spirit and therefore, as such, capable of symbolic action and of symbolic understanding.

It is with this reality of the modern world that the Church, united in Council, wanted to enter into contact, reaffirming her awareness of being the sacrament of Christ, the Light of the nations (*Lumen gentium*), putting herself in a devout listening to the Word of God (*Dei Verbum*), and recognising as her own the joys and the hopes (*Gaudium et spes*) of the people of our times. The great Constitutions of the Council cannot be separated one from the other, and it is not an accident that this single huge effort at reflection by the Ecumenical Council — which is the highest expression of synodality in the Church and whose richness I, together with all of you, am called to be the custodian of — began with reflection on the Liturgy. (*Sacrosanctum concilium*)

***May our Easter faith enliven us, nourish us, transform us, to be the life-givers,
the co-creators we are called, by our living God, to be in this world.***

We will continue with Pope Francis in the Sundays to come.

John P Murray osa.

... to be continued next week ...

CALENDAR

MONDAY

April 1
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY

April 2
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY

April 3
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY

April 4
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY

April 5
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY

April 6
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

SUNDAY

April 7
*Second Sunday
of Easter
(Sunday of
Divine Mercy)*
Acts 4:32-35
1 Jn 5:1-6
Jn 20:19-31

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by
mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am
mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite
the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat, Sun : Closed
& public holidays

Dear Padre

March 31, 2024

Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from? What about the Easter egg?

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, "All life comes from an egg." A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord."

In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●

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Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

DOXOLOGY **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN

Amen. Amen. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. **PLEASE KNEEL**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION: TAKE AND EAT (No. 950)

FINAL: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS (No. 949) **PLEASE STAND**

EASTER SUNDAY (Year B)

Sunday, 31 March 2024

ENTRANCE: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY (No. 540) **PLEASE STAND**

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).

GLORY TO GOD

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

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. 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. (R)**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

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 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.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118: THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE



R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

1. 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)
2. “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)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. (R)

SECOND READING: Col 3:1-4

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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.

All: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE FOR EASTER (SOLO, No. 1065)

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.**

GOSPEL: Jn 20:1-9

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

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.

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

The Priest addresses the Community, who make their responses together.

Priest: Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Priest: 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?

All: I do.

Priest: 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 the life
everlasting?

All: I do.

The priest concludes:

Priest: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

SPRINKLING OF CONGREGATION WITH BAPTISMAL WATER: NEW LIFE

Refrain: New life! New life! You came to bring us new life.

New life! New life! We find such joy in your abundant life

1. You are the source of our great joy, the fountain of all life.

You give us living water; you bid us come and drink.

We come to you; we bless you, Lord; we glorify your name!

We praise you, Lord; we worship you. We thank you for your gift of new life! (R)

2. You are the source of our new life; in your light we see light.

You show to us your goodness; you bid us taste and see.

We come to you; we bless you Lord; we glorify your name!

We praise you, Lord; we worship you. We thank you for your gift of new life! (R)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

“Risen Lord, hear our prayer.”

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING (No. 861)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND