

## LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ The Sanhedrin involved 71 members of the High Priests, former High Priests and ruling families of Jerusalem. It was the highest Jewish civil and religious court. Peter and the apostles show impressive courage in witnessing to Christ. Peter focuses the argument on obedience to God rather than to men. What does obedience to God actually mean for you and your lifestyle? How could you show you live more for God than the world?
- ❖ The Book of Revelation was written to comfort Christians suffering persecution. It is 'resistance literature'. Using symbols and code language, it reveals that the Empire of Rome is only temporary, and the final scene will be eternal life for those faithful to the Lamb / Jesus.
- ❖ John provides a picture of the heavenly liturgy. The Old Testament expectation awaited a lion but, instead, Jesus comes as a *'Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength...'* What is the difference between a lion and a lamb? How does Easter reveal God conquers through Love, not Power?
- ❖ Jesus appears to his disciples as they seek to return to their previous lives. Some walk away from Jerusalem and others go fishing. Jesus turns them around and sends them on mission. The large catch of fish shows that the disciples working on their own can catch nothing, but in obedience to Christ everything is possible. 153 is said to have been the number of nations known in the world, and the total number of fish types known at that time. The missionary outreach is to all nations and all peoples! Is there a particular mission field that you feel attracted to work in? What next little step might obedience to Christ involve for you in being part of the Church's mission?
- ❖ Jn 21 is regarded as an addition to the conclusion of the Gospel of John, showing the rehabilitation of Peter. Peter is chastened by his failures and – publicly, in front of the others – is invited to profess his love for the Lord. Each request *'do you love me'* is a painful reminder to Peter of his betrayal. Do you think a rehabilitated shepherd is a better shepherd? What does Jesus' re-appointment of Peter as leader show us about Jesus? About God?
- ❖ The ultimate and final invitation of Jesus is framed by the request to lay down your life: **follow me!** What reaction takes place in your head and heart to the invitation to *'lay down your life'* for the Lord?
- ❖ Frequently, people comment that there are so many lapsed Catholics no longer practising their faith or coming to Church. Perhaps another perspective is seeing them as *'collapsed Catholics'*. The Sheep were not being fed. How could you respond to the invitation Jesus gave to Peter to feed and tend his sheep so that they are well nourished. What has fed and nourished you that you could creatively share with others?

This Sunday, young Abby makes her First Communion. It is a great event in the life of any young Catholic, a rite of passage, an event that stays with us throughout life. As part of her preparation, we used a teaching diagram, which I think is worth sharing:



Eucharist is the “**summit and source**” of our life (Vatican Council II). In the teachings of the early Church, Eucharist is who we are. It is central to our Christian identity, not just in word but, more importantly, in how we live. The Eastern tradition of Christianity captures the concept of ‘Mystery’ to delve into Eucharist and the Christian faith.

Alexander Schmemmann, an Orthodox theologian, wrote in 1973:

The liturgy “*has led us into the all-embracing Eucharist of Christ, and has revealed to us that the only Eucharist, the only offering of the world is Christ. We come again and again with our lives to offer; we bring and “sacrifice”—that is, give to God—what He has given us; and each time we come to the End of all sacrifices, of all offerings, of all Eucharist, because each time it is revealed to us that Christ has offered all that exists, and that He and all that exists has been offered in His offering of Himself. We are included in the Eucharist of Christ and Christ is our Eucharist.*”

***Do we appreciate the Mystery, that is Eucharist?***

~ John P Murray osa



CALENDAR

**MONDAY**  
May 5  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 6:8-15  
Jn 6:22-29

**TUESDAY**  
May 6  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 7:51-8:1a  
Jn 6:30-35

**WEDNESDAY**  
May 7  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 8:1b-8  
Jn 6:35-40

**THURSDAY**  
May 8  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 8:26-40  
Jn 6:44-51

**FRIDAY**  
May 9  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 9:1-20  
Jn 6:52-59

**SATURDAY**  
May 10  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 9:31-42  
Jn 6:60-69

**SUNDAY**  
May 11  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Rv 7:9, 14b-17  
Jn 10:27-30

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 : 08:30 – noon  
Sun & public holidays : Closed

Dear Padre

May 4, 2025

*I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?*

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection. It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." ●

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: THE SUMMONS (No. 790)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS **PLEASE STAND**

**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 (No. 263)

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

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat) **PLEASE KNEEL**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

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 (No. 374)

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 (No. 391)

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: IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (No. 918)

FINAL: PILGRIMS OF HOPE (Please see insertion) **PLEASE STAND**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

Sunday 4 May 2025

ENTRANCE HYMN: SING A NEW SONG (No. 607) **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 5:27-32, 40b-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 30: I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD



R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have res - cued me.

1. I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear  
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;  
you preserved me from among those going down into the pit. (R)
2. Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.  
For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will.  
At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing. (R)
3. Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper.  
You changed my mourning into dancing;  
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks. (R)

SECOND READING: Rv 5:11-14

A reading from the Book of Revelation:

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen, " and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people.

GOSPEL: Jn 21:1-19

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John

All: And with your spirit.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing". They said to him, "We also will come with you". So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was

standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No". So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something". So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord". When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught". So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast". And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you". Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs". He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you". Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep". Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you". Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go". He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me".

Priest: The Good News of the Lord. All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:  
“Risen Lord, hear our prayer.”

PLEASE BE SEATED



# Pilgrims of Hope

## Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

Music: Francesco Meneghello

With Confidence (♩ = c. 69)

## INTRODUCTION

Organ

## REFRAIN

Like a flame my hope is burn - ing, may my song a - rise to you: Source of

life that has no end - ing, on life's path I trust in you.

## Pilgrims of Hope

## VERSES

1. Ev - 'ry na - tion, tongue, and peo - ple find a light with - in your Word. Scat - tered  
2. God, so ten - der and so pa - tient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heav'n and  
3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blow - ing, for our God is born in time. Son made

to Refrain

1. frag - ile sons and daugh - ters find a home in your dear Son  
2. earth are re - cre - a - ted by the Spir - it of Life set free  
3. man for you and man - y who will find the way in him