



You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
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 the Father.

Amen

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:**

*(Sing to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It')*

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord,  
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As we listen to the story,  
let us praise him for his glory.  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

## **Gospel**

*Luke 24:1-12      From Sunday Book of Readings  
The Lectionary Adapted for Children P.41*

**A reading from the Holy Gospel According to St.Luke**

**All say "Glory to You Oh Lord" while making a cross on your forehead, on your lips and on your heart.**

Read the Gospel aloud and at the end say:

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**All say : Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Lead a Discussion on the Gospel**

Today we celebrate Easter- ask the children what they think of when they hear the word Easter. (They may make reference to eggs, this is a good chance to remind them that these represent the stone of the tomb that Jesus rolled away)

Explain that Easter is the most important celebration in our Church because of what we heard in today's Gospel.

Remind them of the events leading up to Easter. On Holy Thursday Jesus celebrated the Last Supper and left us with the gift of Priesthood and his own Body and Blood in the form of the Sacraments of the Most Holy Eucharist.

On Good Friday, Jesus took on the sins of the world and was crucified and died. This filled us with great sadness.

In today's Gospel we hear how Mary Magdalene along with Joanna and Mary the mother of James went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away? (How do you think they felt and reacted? Fear, worry, denial, panic)

Ask the children what happened next?(Two "men in bright clothes"(angels) appeared and asked why the women were looking for Jesus in a cemetery telling them that Jesus was alive and had risen from the dead on the third day as He had told them)

The women then went to tell the Apostles what had happened. They did not believe the women and Peter and John went to the tomb to see for themselves.

Peter also went right into the tomb and saw that the cloths that the body of Jesus had been wrapped in and that Jesus was not there. When Peter and John looked around, they started to understand what was going on. They realised He had shown that He was the Son of God because He had risen from the dead!

When Jesus rose from the dead, he overcame death as it once was for us all. By his rising he has allowed us to enjoy eternal life with his father in Heaven. His dying, destroyed death and that is why Easter is the greatest celebration of all.

What kind of things can you do at Easter to show your great appreciation to Jesus for what he did for us? (The main thing you can do is show his love to others by the way you act and live your lives every single day. Trust in him and spread his love with everyone you meet. Pray for those in need, especially the sick and lonely and those suffering because of war).

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for loving us. Your rising from the dead has destroyed death. May we always strive to follow the path you set for us, leading us to eternal life and happiness.

Lord in Your Mercy  
-Hear our Prayer

Lord Jesus,

You are truly the Light of the World. May we never be afraid to bear witness of your unending love for us. During this Easter Season may we strive to follow your example and spread the Gospel to others with courage and love.

Lord in Your Mercy  
-Hear our Prayer

### **Closing Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for all you have done for us. By your death on the Cross and Resurrection we are filled with renewed hope and life. Help us to remember what you did for us as we learn to bear our own crosses with the hope and promise of eternal life and happiness with you.

Jesus is Alive...Alleluia!