



**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
11-12 APRIL 2020**

UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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ON THE CORONA VIRUS, ALL MASSES AND PARISH
GATHERINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Our Mission Statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim we are God's people under the banner of The University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice. Through our words and actions, the Good News of Christ Jesus is announced here at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: students, staff, faculty, alumni, and local community members. As God's people on a spiritual journey, we are committed to lifelong learning, integrating faith with arts, science and technology. In addition, we endeavor to manifest justice and charity called for by our faith to make real the presence of a loving Christ, here and wherever we find ourselves.

Our Vision Statement: The University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice – Responding to God's love through servant leadership, a diverse welcoming community.

Parish Membership: Anyone wishing to join please ask for a membership form from the Chaplains' Office or Deacon Joe.

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When entering the C+CC, please turn off all devices that may interrupt a service or private prayer. Thanks!

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Readings for the Week:

(12 April: EASTER SUNDAY) Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b—8; Jn 20:1-9 or 41: Mt 28:1-10. (Monday) Acts 2-14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15. (Tuesday) Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18. (Wednesday) Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35. (Thursday) Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48. (Friday) Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:14. (Saturday) Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15. (19 April: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) Acts 2:42-47; Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31.



Christ on the cross was the pinnacle of overwhelmed, worn out, struck down, beaten, bloodied and bruised - physically, emotionally, spiritually.

This Easter, as we stumble, overwhelmed, beaten and bruised by this COVID-19 pandemic, we remember all that Christ went through. He prayed for circumstances to change. Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane asked to have the situation removed, the circumstances changed. He called out to His Father for another way. Similar requests quickly fly from our own lips. We often ask for our lot in life to change, for our hardships to disappear. But Christ reminds us that even in the midst of unimaginable hardship, we can move forward under the circumstances. Nevertheless, we, too, pray that our circumstances will change.

Christ ministered to others in the midst of His suffering. As He hung on the cross, He reached out to comfort the criminal on the cross next to Him. He comforted His own mother and made sure she was cared for. In the depths of His suffering, He still showed compassion and kindness, the same compassion and kindness Christ shows us today. We pray we can follow Christ's example. [Many nurses, doctors, mental health counselors, first responders, behind-the-scenes workers who provide other essential services (including food harvesters and grocery store workers who keep us fed, teachers and professors who remotely educate our children, government and other workers) and the many unnamed friends, family members and neighbors caring for another are modeling Christ's ministry to serve and not be served. They are sharing Christ's compassion and kindness. Thank you for your tireless and selfless actions to wash our feet!]

He prayed for those who abused Him. Among Christ's final words, He prayed for those who persecuted Him. He asks God to forgive them, even while He was still suffering at their hands. That kind of forgiveness is hard to grasp. We pray that we, too, can freely forgive. Forgiveness, however, does not mean that those who abuse us escape accountability - to the contrary, they must be held accountable and responsible for their actions.


In the middle of our messes, it may be hard for us to see beyond ourself and own circumstances, but Christ's death and resurrection reminds us of so much more. He rose again and conquered death, just three days after the cross.

The women and men that mourned Him thought that it was all over, that He was gone forever. What must these disciples have been going through in those three days! The complete and utter despair at the loss of the one they thought was the Messiah.

But Jesus surprised them. [We, on the other hand, have had the benefit of more than 2,000 years of tradition, theological study, and biblical scholarship to help us believe and be joyful about this earthshaking event.] He rose from the grave, and brought victory and salvation to the world so that they might have - indeed so we might have - life and hope in the midst of (their) our own suffering.

May we remember that we are a "Resurrection people," whose greatest gift is Easter joy. May we allow the risen Christ, who is with us always, to speak this Easter joy to our hearts so that we, who may be overwhelmed, worn out, struck down, beaten, bloodied and bruised - physically, emotionally, spiritually - may be lifted up (resurrected) ourselves in mind and spirit and give life and joy to others.

From all is us here who serve you through various ministries - A blessed and happy Easter!

 *Until we can come together as a community of faith and celebrate the Mass, let us join in prayer, each of us from our homes, for our country, our state, our area, our parish and all of our parishioners.*

Remember Your Offerings

As we go through this period of time, with all of our Masses and parish activities being cancelled, please remember that our day-to-day operations and expenses continue – they are: heat, lights, phone, etc. We ask our parishioners, that if you are able, to please continue to use their weekly Sunday offering envelopes. Your gift of treasure is very important and vital to the parish. You can mail your collection envelope and/or your check made payable to Christ Sun of Justice to:

Christ Sun of Justice Parish
10 Tom Phelan Place
Troy, NY 12180

You can also make an online donation by visiting

<https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/give-back> and in the additional comments section, write "Mass donation".



Would you or someone you know, like a friendly phone call from someone from CSJ Parish? Just contact Kathy Spain at sausse@verizon.net or Diane Waters at waterd3@rpi.edu and we can arrange a phone visit!

The Diocese of Albany has compiled an abundance of information for people who want faith at home resources: Please visit: <https://www.rcda.org/coronavirus/resources>

This webpage has access to:

Online and TV listings for live Masses, Daily Scripture Readings, Saint of the Day, Daily Mass with Pope Francis, and Simple Suggestions for Prayer During Time of Anxiety



Below is an excellent resource for you to follow through Liturgy Training Publication:

https://ltp.org/loh?utm_source=Liturgy+of+the+Hours+at+Home&utm_campaign=Liturgy+of+the+Hours+for+3%2F22%2F20&utm_medium=email.



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