



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE  
**Holy Family**  
MOUNT WAVERLEY

## A Liturgy of the Word for use in the Home. Sixth Sunday of Easter

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### INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*R. Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

*R. And with your spirit.*

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins.

*All recite together the formula of general confession:*

I confess to almighty God  
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.

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

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

*R. Amen.*

*V. Lord, have mercy.*

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

**V. Christ, have mercy.**

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

**V. Lord, have mercy.**

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

*The Priest alone continues, saying:*

Let us pray.

Grant, almighty God,

that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,

which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,

and that what we relive in remembrance

we may always hold to in what we do.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Full texts for the readings can be found online at <https://universalis.com>*

### FIRST READING

*Acts 8:5-8,14-17*

### PSALM

*Psalms 65(66):1-7,16,20*

*R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Peter 3:15-18*

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 14:23*

.....The Gospel of the Lord

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### HOMILY

## INTECESSIONS

Let us pray to God the Father, who raised Jesus to life and exalted him at his own right hand.

*R. Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.*

Father, through the victory of the cross you have lifted up Jesus from the earth;  
may he draw all men to himself.

*R. Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.*

Through the exaltation of Christ send your Spirit into the Church;  
make her the sign of unity for the whole human family.

*R. Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.*

You have become the Father of men through water and the Spirit;  
keep them faithful to their baptism until they enter eternal life.

*R. Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.*

Through the exaltation of your Son raise up the sorrowful, set prisoners free, heal the sick;  
may the whole world rejoice in your wonderful gifts.

*R. Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.*

You nourished the faithful departed with Christ's body and blood;  
let them share in his glory on the day of resurrection.

*R. Lord, protect your people through the glory of Christ.*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*Together with the people, he continues:*

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.

*The Priest alone continues, saying:*

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.

*The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:*

For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

*The Priest alone continues, saying:*

Let us take a moment for quiet prayer, placing before our Lord our needs and intentions at this time.

*After some time for quiet prayer the priests and people together pray*

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite  
myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

## BLESSING

*The Priest alone continues, saying:*

Since it is from you, God our Father,  
that redemption comes to us, your adopted children,  
look with favour on the family you love,  
give true freedom to us and to all who believe in Christ,  
and bring us all alike to our eternal heritage.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**

## A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

My Brothers and Sisters let us turn to St Joseph, seeking his intercession in this our time of need

*Together with the people, he continues:*

St Joseph, You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at this time of trial. You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need. You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love. You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day. You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days. You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, Thy will be done. Amen