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3rd Sunday of Easter

Rosary Church  
Broadcast

Good morning again, from the Rosary parish church, this Easter-time Sunday morning, a time of joy and celebration for the Risen Christ [even if this morning's weather isn't exactly joyful).] The Mass for the third Sunday of Easter will begin here in a few moments: and especially if you're ill today, confined to home, or can't join with fellow-Christians of yours in community prayer and worship on this Easter day, may the opportunity of being able to join in spirit with the people gathered here in this church now be a help, encouragement and consoling for you. In the first part of the Mass for today, the readings of scripture come from the N.T. Acts of the Apostles (describing the first Christian preaching of the resurrection of Christ); from the 1st letter of St John; and from S<sup>t</sup> Luke's gospel about the Easter appearance of Jesus among His disciples. And in response to God's word, we pray together in the act and prayer of thanksgiving and union with Christ which we call the 'Eucharist'. The Mass - celebrant and assistants have now reached the church sanctuary area; and the liturgy begins with a preparation rite of prayer and praise to God.

**Intro: Kyrie: Gloria : ORATIO** The Assembly Prayer for today's celebration. Now come the readings of scripture, the first one followed by a responsory from Ps 4.

*Edward Collins*

**CREED:** After the scriptures and the homily by Fr Thomas McIntyre, the celebrant of this Mass, the Creed (a profession of our Christian faith) is now recited.

*Regina Caeli*

**OFFERTORY** The Prayers of General Intercession, concluding the first part of the Mass. Now comes the preparatory rite for the second part, the liturgy of the Eucharist: the priest goes to the front of the altar-steps, where he will receive the gifts to be brought up by representatives of the parish and congregation, the gifts of bread and wine and water, which are also symbols of our offering of ourselves to be made one with Christ.

**PREFACE:** The formal Prayer over the Gifts, for this 3rd Sunday of Easter. The prayer and action of the Eucharist now begin, with a special Preface-prayer of the season.

**PER IPSUM;** As an introduction to the Communion rite which now follows, priest and congregation now pray together in the common prayer of all Christians to Our Father, the Lord's prayer.

**COMMUNION:** Now it's communion time; and at the altar the priest himself first receives the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. Other priests of the parish come forward to help in the giving of Holy Communion to the people in the congregation here who are now beginning to file up to the front of the church. During the giving of Holy Communion, the choir will be singing; but meanwhile, you as you listen to your radio may like also to make your own prayer to God, in spiritual communion with Christ and with the people here now sharing His presence with them in the very special way of this Sacrament of the Eucharist. But the Risen Christ is present in so many ways: you may like to reflect again on the gospel we listened to earlier ... His first Easter presence with his disciples: and what He said on that occasion of how it was

written in the scriptures that He should suffer and then rise on the third day, so that forgiveness of sin be preached to every people on earth, through Him. You might reflect and praise God for your own grace and opportunity of being in communion with Him, of sharing in some small way the Way of Christ Himself who invites us all to be witnesses ~~in~~ to His being alive and among us, and to go with Him into the joy of His Risen life.....

CHOIR PRAYERS

The giving of Holy Communion has just ended now, and the priests return to the altar, to put away the sacred Hosts that remain, and to briefly clean the chalice and ciboria that have been used during this Eucharist. After a few moments of personal private prayer, the celebrant will shortly recite the formal Thanksgiving Prayer after Communion; then the liturgy will end with the Blessing and Dismissal.

**END** As the priest and assistants now leave the altar to return to the sacristy, the choir sings a recessional hymn while the congregation disperses. <sup>Ye Sons & Daughters</sup> And so we come to the end of this broadcast of the Mass for today, the 3rd Sunday of Easter, which you've been listening to direct from the Rosary Church in Chathan Road, ~~Os~~simshatsui.