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6th Sunday of Easter

Catholic Centre
Broadcast

Good morning to you once again, from the little chapel at the Catholic Centre where the Mass for today will be beginning in just a few moments. Still in the Easter season, today's celebration of the Day of the Lord is the 6th Sunday of Eastertime; and for those of you who are listening from a hospital or sick-room, or because you can't yourself join with your fellow-Christians in their community worship and joy, may this broadcast from here this morning help you to understand and share the joy and peace of Easter, the victory of Christ's dying for us and rising from death. In the first part of today's Mass, for the readings of scripture, you'll be hearing a passage from St John's gospel (as is usual these Easter Sundays) recounting Our Lord's message of the meaning of His rising and returning to His Father. We also hear of the beginnings of Christ's church, in ~~another~~ ^{another} extract from the Acts of the Apostles. And the fullest meaning of Easter is pictured in the Bk of Revelation from which the second, NT, scripture reading today is taken. But before the reading of scripture, the Mass begins now with an introductory rite of prayer in repentance and in praise of God.

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Intro:Kyrie:Gloria:ORATIO

The formal Assembly Prayer for today's celebration. The congregation sits down now to listen to the first of the scripture readings, from the Acts of the Apostles; and this is followed by a responsorial from Ps 66.

Creed After the readings of scripture and the homily given by the celebrant of this Mass, Fr Edward Collins, all now stand to recite together a profession of faith, the Creed.

Offertory: The first part of the Mass ends with the Prayers of Intercession, the Prayer of the Faithful. At the altar now, the priest begins the preparation for the liturgy of the Eucharist, the second part of our celebration. He takes from the assistants who offer them in the name of all of us, the bread and wine which are needed for the action and the sacrament of the Eucharist, and makes a prayer of blessing over them.

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Preface The formal Prayer over the Gifts concludes the Offertory rite. And now the action and prayer of the Eucharist begin, first with an invitation and then the special Preface-prayer for Eastertime

Per Ipsum: After the central Eucharistic Prayer, we now begin the preparation for the sacrament of the Eucharist, as everyone recites together the prayer of Christian community, the Our Father

COMMUNION: Communiontime: and at the altar, the celebrant of the Mass now first receives Holy Communion, taking the sacred Host and drinking from the chalice of the Blood of Christ. In a moment or two, he will then come to the altar-rail at the front of the chapel to begin giving the sacrament of the Eucharist to the congregation here who are now approaching the altar. During communiontime, while the people here receive Christ and return to their places for some minutes of personal prayer, you listening to your radio may like to make your own private prayer in union of spirit with them and with Christ. And meanwhile, a hymn for communiontime is sung.

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