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**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

April 20, 2014

At the Mass during the Day

**Prayer after Communion:**

Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favor,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Reflection:**

Apart from Easter Evening Prayer to be celebrated later in the day, this Prayer after Communion text becomes the final prayer of the Church's celebration of the Paschal Triduum.

The object of the prayer's concern is the Church. It is a Church which has held in sacred memory the paschal mysteries, welcomed new members into its company, and renewed baptismal vows after Lenten penance. As the climax of these works of God, which re-present God's "unfailing love and favor," the Church has now brought them to completion by sharing Holy Communion in the Easter Eucharist. It is also a Church about to be sent forth to witness to the Paschal Mystery of Christ in the way its members live each day.

The prayer summarizes concisely all the Church has celebrated and asks to be empowered with the unfailing love and favor contained in the Easter Sacrament of the Eucharist. We do not presume God's love and favor. The praying community asks that God's graciousness will continue with us until we come to all that is promised to us in the Death and Resurrection of Christ and in our communion with him.

**Prayer:**

Gracious God, who renews your Church in every age, may we live each day in the light and life of Easter until we come into their fullness with your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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