

April 12, 2021

Good Morning All,

1. Today's Readings: [Monday of the Second Week of Easter | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: The Easter prayer Regina Coeli ("Queen of Heaven" in Latin) is a wonderful tribute to our Lord's resurrection and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although its origins are unknown, there is a source giving a possible history (see attachment). It dates back to the 13th century.

The Regina Caeli is one of four antiphons (short liturgical texts sung or chanted) dedicated to Our Lady. It is often sung as a hymn and has had numerous musical settings in its original Latin text, including several by Mozart.

3. Quote of the Day: "From Mary we learn to surrender to God's Will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son, and the Son of God!" *St. John Paul*

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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The Origin of the Regina Caeli Prayer



From Holy Saturday to Pentecost we sing or recite one of the Church's most joyful anthems, the *Regina Cæli* (O, Queen of Heaven), customarily said in place of the Angelus at twelve noon.

According to *The Golden Legend*, a thirteenth century work on the lives of the Saints, Pope Saint Gregory the Great in the 6th century was leading a procession asking for relief from a pestilence afflicting the population of Rome. Being carried in the procession was an icon of the Blessed Virgin reputedly painted by Saint Luke. Suddenly, the air was filled with a heavenly perfume dispelling the pestilence. Looking up, Saint Gregory beheld angels singing: "O, Queen of Heaven rejoice, Alleluia! For He whom you deserved to bear, Alleluia! Has risen as He said, Alleluia!" To which the holy Pope added: "O, pray to God for us, Alleluia!"

At the same time, the holy pontiff saw the angel of death sheathing his sword atop the Hill of Hadrian, today the Castle of Sant'Angelo.

Since then this story has been associated with the origins of the Regina Caeli.

The idea is to rejoice with Our Blessed Lady that her Son, after a grueling passion and frightful death, is alive again. While the prayer of the Angelus celebrates Jesus' Incarnation, the Regina Caeli celebrates His Resurrection and "congratulates" the Mother on her Son's victory over sin and death.

THE REGINA CAELI

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray:

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting Life. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

REGINA CAELI

V. Regina Caeli, lætare, alleluia
R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia

V. Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia
R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

V. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus:

Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es: præsta quæsumus, ut per eius Genitricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

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