

READINGS

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:14-24

Psalm 118:14-24 (*with refrain*)

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

OPENING PRAYER

God of undying love,
as you raised Jesus from the grave,
appointing him to rule over both the living and the dead,
open our hearts to the life flowing from his resurrection,
that we may proclaim near and far
the pardon and peace you give us.
Grant this through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
the first-born of the dead,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with new blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready always and everywhere
to proclaim your name
and respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ the risen Saviour.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection

your light overcomes darkness,
your life replenishes the earth,
and your love nourishes your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
that we may show your glory in all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the home of Cornelius, a Gentile: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God.

"You know the message that was sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, who is ruler of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

"He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him, that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to our God, who is good;
whose mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"God's mercy endures forever."

God is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of our God has triumphed!
The right hand of our God is exalted!
The right hand of our God has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of our God.

God has punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them,
and offer thanks to our God.

"This is the gate of our God;
the one who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected
has now become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day God has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 (*with Sung Refrain*)

Sung Refrain:

**On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures forever."

Refrain

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

Refrain

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

Refrain

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and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
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Refrain

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Refrain

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are from above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:1-10

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel

of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News

of Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to visit the tomb.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake; and an angel of God, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat upon it. The angel's appearance was like lightning, its clothing white as snow. The guards shook with fear and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and with great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.