

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

EASTER DAY (YEAR C)

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10.34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judæa, 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 Judæa 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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 118



℟. This is the day of the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. *(All repeat)*



O give thanks to the Lord for | he is good,
and his loving mercy | never fails.
Let every son of | Israel say
that his love en-|dures for ever. ℟.

Victorious is the | Lord's right hand,
the Lord's right hand has | raised me up.
I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the Lord. ℟.

The stone which the build-|ers refused
has become the chief | corner-stone.
This is the | Lord's own work,
and it is marvellous | in our eyes. ℟.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15.19–26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one:

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

Jn 20.1–18

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why

are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” – and that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

In the joy of Easter, Lord, we offer you this sacrifice by which your Church is wonderfully reborn and sustained; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SOLEMN BLESSING

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**
God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**
God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ’s peace. **Amen.**
And the blessing ...