

# Easter Day

12 April 2020

## Collect of the Day

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.

## First Reading

*Acts 10.34-43*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## Psalm or Canticle

*Psalm 118.1-2,14-24*

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦  
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, ♦  
and he has become my salvation.

15 Joyful shouts of salvation ♦  
sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;  
the right hand of the Lord raises up; ♦  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

17 I shall not die, but live ♦  
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, ♦  
but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦  
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦  
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has  
made; ♦  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## Second Reading

*Colossians 3.1-4*

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ,  
seek the things that are above, where  
Christ is, seated at the right hand of  
God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are  
above, not on things that are on earth,  
<sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is  
hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ  
who is your life is revealed, then you  
also will be revealed with him in glory.

## Gospel

*John 20.1-18*

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while  
it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came  
to the tomb and saw that the stone had  
been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>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.'  
<sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set  
out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two  
were running together, but the other  
disciple outran Peter and reached the  
tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and  
saw the linen wrappings lying there, but  
he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter  
came, following him, and went into the  
tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying  
there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on  
Jesus' head, not lying with the linen  
wrappings but rolled up in a place by  
itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who  
reached the tomb first, also went in, and  
he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did  
not understand the scripture, that he  
must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the  
disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the  
tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look

into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels  
in white, sitting where the body of Jesus  
had been lying, one at the head and the  
other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>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.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she  
turned around and saw Jesus standing  
there, but she did not know that it was  
Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why  
are you weeping? For whom are you  
looking?' 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.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She  
turned and said to him in Hebrew,  
'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher.  
<sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me,  
because 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."' <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced  
to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord';  
and she told them that he had said these  
things to her.

## Post Communion Prayer

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.

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