

***April 5, 2026***

***Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter) READINGS***

**First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “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: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;  
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel | now declare,  
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the  
righteous:**

**"The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord| is exalted!  
The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the Lord. R**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the Lord;  
here the righ- | teous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me  
and you have become | my salvation. R**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the Lord has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. **R**

## **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: Matthew 28:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>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.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”