

Readings, and Prayer Only

for

Easter Sunday 2024

No Order of Service
for this week.

Readings and Prayer
Only



Today's Readings

Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day

March 31, 2024

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

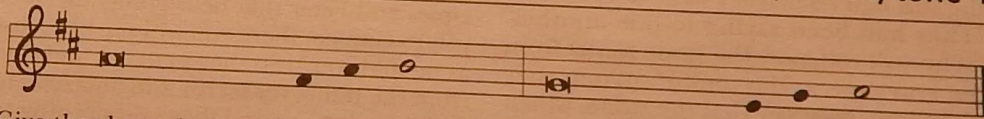
Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We

are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

or Isaiah 25:6-9 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; tone 1



Give thanks to the LORD,
for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.
²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."
¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo
in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the
LORD acts valiantly!"
¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the
LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.
¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them
and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."
²¹I give thanks to you,
for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

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Psalm, continued

²²The stone that the build-¹ers rejected has become the chief¹ cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has¹ this been done; it is marvelous¹ in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the¹ LORD has made; let us rejoice and be¹ glad in it.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you— unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred

brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

or Acts 10:34-43 [printed on p. 1]

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body].² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe,

sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

or John 20:1-18 [not printed]

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