

Order of Service, Readings, and Prayer  
Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day 2026

**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD / EASTER DAY**

April 5, 2026

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**Congregation: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

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# Today's Readings

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## 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 [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>39</sup>but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>40</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>41</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>42</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."

or Jeremiah 31:1-6 [not printed]

## Psalm

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



Give thanks to the LORD,  
for the <sup>1</sup>LORD is good;  
God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.  
<sup>2</sup>Let Israel <sup>1</sup>now declare,  
"God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever."  
<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength  
<sup>1</sup>and my song,  
and has become <sup>1</sup>my salvation.  
<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation  
echo in the tents <sup>1</sup>of the righteous:

"The right hand of the <sup>1</sup>LORD  
acts valiantly!  
<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD  
<sup>1</sup>is exalted!  
The right hand of the <sup>1</sup>LORD  
acts valiantly!"  
<sup>17</sup>I shall not <sup>1</sup>die, but live,  
and declare the works <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed  
pun-<sup>1</sup>ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o-<sup>1</sup>ver to death.

*continued*

Psalm, continued

<sup>19</sup>Open for me  
the <sup>1</sup> gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them  
and give thanks <sup>1</sup> to the LORD.  
<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate <sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
here the righ- <sup>1</sup> teous may enter."  
<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you,  
for you have <sup>1</sup> answered me  
and you have become <sup>1</sup> my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- <sup>1</sup> ers rejected  
has become the chief <sup>1</sup> cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has <sup>1</sup> this been done;  
it is marvelous <sup>1</sup> in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup>This is the day  
that the <sup>1</sup> LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be <sup>1</sup> glad in it.

## Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

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 the things that are above, not on the 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.

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

## Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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, for 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 and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

or John 20:1-18 [not printed]

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