

# EASTER DAY

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### FIRST READING:

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### Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24

14 The LORD is my strength  
and my song, \* and he has  
become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of  
exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the  
LORD has triumphed! \*  
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LORD is exalted! the  
right hand of the LORD  
has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of  
the LORD.

22 The same stone which the  
builders rejected \* has  
become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD'S doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our  
eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has  
acted; \* we will rejoice and  
be 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. Set your  
minds on things that are above,  
not on

things that are on earth, for you  
have died, and your life is hidden  
with Christ in God. When Christ  
who is your life is revealed, then  
you also will be revealed with  
him in glory.

### 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. And  
very early on the first day of  
the week, when the sun had  
risen, they went to the tomb.  
They had been saying to one  
another, "Who will roll away  
the stone for us from the  
entrance to the tomb?" When  
they looked up, they saw  
that the stone, which was very  
large, had already been rolled  
back. As they entered the tomb,  
they saw a young man,

dressed in a white robe, sitting  
on the right side; and they were  
alarmed. 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.  
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." So  
they went out and fled from the  
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