

# EASTER DAY

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### FIRST READING:

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witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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## Psalm 118:14-29

- 14 The LORD is my strength  
and my song, \* and he has  
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and victory \* in the tents of  
the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD  
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- 17 I shall not die, but live, \* and  
declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me  
sorely, \* but he did not hand  
me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of right-  
eousness; \* I will enter them; I  
will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \* and have become my salvation.
- 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.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \* LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \* we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \* form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \* you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.

## SECOND READING:

So 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,

## Colossians 3:1-4

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:

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living

## Luke 24:1-10

among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

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