

EASTER SUNDAY



FIRST READING: *Acts 10:34a, 37-43*

This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter said to the people,

“I am sure that you know what has been told all over Judaea about Jesus of Nazareth: that it all began in Galilee when John was preaching about baptism, and God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power; that Jesus went from place to place doing good works and healing people from evil, for God was with him.

“We ourselves saw all that he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

“They killed him by hanging him on a cross. But God raised him up on the third day.

“And we have seen him. We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He told us to preach to the people and to tell them that he is the one chosen by God to be the judge of all people both living and dead.

“All the prophets tell us that everyone who believes in Jesus will have their sins forgiven in his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 118*

This day was made by the Lord. Let us rejoice! Let us be glad!
This day was made by the Lord. Let us rejoice in salvation.

Verse: (Repeat Response after the Verse.)

Leader: You opened the gates of heaven. You have given me life.

All: You have given me life. I will proclaim the wonders you do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! He is risen as he said! Alleluia!



GOSPEL: *Matthew 28:1-10*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, Mary Magdalene and another woman named Mary went to the tomb where Jesus was buried. Suddenly, there was a big earthquake, and an angel of God came down from heaven. The angel rolled the stone away from in front of the tomb and sat on it. The angel was wearing bright white clothes that were shining like lightning. The soldiers who were guarding the tomb were very frightened, and they fell down like they were dead! Then the angel said to the women,

“Don’t be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. But he isn’t here. He has been raised from the dead, just as he said he would. Come and see the place where his body was laid. Now, hurry and tell his disciples about this. Say to them,

‘Jesus has risen from the dead.
He is going to Galilee where you will see him.’ ”

So the women hurried away. They were filled with joy, but they were also a little afraid. Suddenly, Jesus was standing right in front of them. He said,

“Peace!”

The women fell down and hugged his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said,

“Don’t be afraid. Go and tell my disciples that they must go to Galilee where they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.