



# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 118

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad!**

## A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians:

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse Before The Gospel

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



## PLEASE RESPOND: I DO!

*God, the all-powerful Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
has given us a new birth  
by water and the Holy Spirit  
and forgiven all our sins.  
May he also keep us faithful  
to our Lord Jesus Christ  
for ever and ever.*

# SOLEMN BLESSING

May almighty God bless you  
through today's Easter Solemnity  
and, in his compassion,  
defend you from every assault of sin.

**Amen.**

And may he,  
who restores you to eternal life  
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,  
endow you with the prize of immortality.

**Amen.**

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion  
have drawn to a close,  
may you who celebrate  
the gladness of the Paschal Feast  
come with Christ's help,  
and exulting in spirit,  
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

*The joy of the resurrection  
renews the whole world.*

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