

EASTER DAY EVENING SERVICE



SEASONAL GREETING

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OR

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to die upon the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the devil and the power of death: Grant us grace to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 12:1-3

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER VERSES

(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)

Psalm 136

- O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- ² O give thanks unto the God of all gods, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- O give thanks unto the Lord of all lords, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- ⁴ Who alone does great wonders, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- ⁵ Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- 6 Who laid out the earth above the waters, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- Who made the great lights, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- The sun to rule the day, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- And brought out Israel from among them, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹² With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- Who divided the Red Sea in two parts, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹⁴ And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹⁵ But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red Sea, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- ¹⁶ Who led his people through the wilderness, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- Who smote great kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹⁸ And slew mighty kings, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- 19 Sihon king of the Amorites, * for his mercy endures for ever;

- ²⁰ And Og the king of Bashan, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- ²¹ And gave away their land for an inheritance, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- ²² Even for an inheritance for Israel his servant, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²³ Who remembered us when we were in trouble, * for his mercy endures for ever;
- And delivered us from our enemies, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²⁵ Who gives food to all flesh, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²⁶ O give thanks unto the God of heaven, * for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²⁷ O give thanks unto the Lord of lords * for his mercy endures for ever.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 24:13-35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our

chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Offertory and Post-Communion Sentences

(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)

Proper Preface

Easter

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

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