

Sunday 20th April 2025
Easter Sunday

Special Prayer for the day

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the
chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith
and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands
open
in our Saviour Jesus
Christ.
Amen

First Reading
Isaiah 65:17–25

[17] “For behold, I
create new heavens and a
new earth, and the former
things shall not be re-
membered or come into
mind.

[18] But be glad and
rejoice forever in that
which I create; for behold,
I create Jerusalem to be a
joy, and her people to be a
gladness.

[19] I will rejoice in
Jerusalem and be glad in
my people; no more shall
be heard in it the sound of
weeping and the cry of
distress.

[20] No more shall
there be in it an infant
who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does
not fill out his days, for

the young man shall die a
hundred years old, and the
sinner a hundred years old
shall be accursed.

[21] They shall
build houses and inhabit
them; they shall plant
vineyards and eat their
fruit.

[22] They shall not
build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and
another eat; for like the
days of a tree shall the
days of my people be, and
my chosen shall long en-
joy the work of their
hands.

[23] They shall not
labour in vain or bear chil-
dren for calamity, for they
shall be the offspring of
the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with
them.

[24] Before they call
I will answer; while they
are yet speaking I will
hear.

[25] The wolf and
the lamb shall graze to-
gether; the lion shall eat
straw like the ox, and dust
shall be the serpent’s food.
They shall not hurt or des-
troy in all my holy moun-
tain,” says the LORD.
(ESV)

*This is the word of the
Lord*
Thanks be to God

Second Reading
Acts 10:34–43

[34] So Peter opened his
mouth and said: “Truly I
understand that God
shows no partiality, [35]
but in every nation anyone
who fears him and does
what is right is acceptable
to him. [36] As for the
word that he sent to Israel,
preaching good news of
peace through Jesus Christ
(he is Lord of all), [37]
you yourselves know what
happened throughout all
Judea, beginning from
Galilee after the baptism
that John proclaimed: [38]
how God anointed Jesus
of Nazareth with the Holy
Spirit and with power. He
went about doing good
and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for
God was with him. [39]
And 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, [40] but God
raised him on the third
day and made him to ap-
pear, [41] not to all the
people but to us who had
been chosen by God as
witnesses, who ate and
drank with him after he
rose from the dead. [42]
And he commanded us to
preach to the people and
to testify that he is the one
appointed by God to be

judge of the living and the dead. [43] To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” (ESV)

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading **Luke 24:1–12**

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord according to Luke
Glory to you or Lord.

[1] But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. [2] And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, [3] but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. [4] While they were perplexed about this, behold,

two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. [5] And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? [6] He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, [7] that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” [8] And they remembered his words, [9] and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. [10] Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, [11] but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. [12] But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marvelling at what had happened. (ESV)

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Final Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the
power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live
with him in the joy of his
risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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