

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴**The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.** ¹⁵

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

¹⁶**the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."**

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. ¹⁸

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.** ²

¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with

power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Luke 24:1-12

¹Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, ³so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them. ⁵Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground, as the men said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive?" ⁶He is not here; he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee: ⁷'The Son of Man must be handed over to sinful men, be crucified, and three days later rise to life.' " ⁸Then the women remembered his words, ⁹returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven disciples and all the rest. ¹⁰The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; they and the other women with them told these things to the apostles. ¹¹But the apostles thought that what the women said was nonsense, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; he bent down and saw the grave cloths but nothing else. Then he went back home amazed at what had happened.