

# Readings + Resurrection of Our Lord, year C + April 23, 2025

## Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*Easter Sunday in each lectionary year has several choices for the readings. Isaiah 65:17-25 is our first reading this year. 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 is our second reading this year. The one we miss this year is Acts 10:34-43, which can replace either the first reading or the second. At Mount Olive we rotate all these readings over the years to use all of them.*

## First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

- <sup>17</sup> I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.
- <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating,  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy  
and its people as a delight.
- <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.
- <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant that lives  
but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a  
lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be  
considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be  
considered accursed.
- <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- <sup>22</sup> 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 enjoy the work of  
their hands.

- <sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD –  
and their descendants as well.

- <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

- <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent – its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy  
mountain,

says the LORD.

## Psalmody Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures  
forever."**

The LORD is my strength and my song, and has  
become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the  
tents of the righteous: "The right hand of  
the LORD acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right  
hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works  
of the LORD.**

The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did  
not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will  
enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous  
may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered  
me and you have become my salvation.**

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

**By the LORD has this been done; it is  
marvelous in our eyes.**

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

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*Paul writes:* <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

<sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when Christ hands over the realm to God, the Father, after destroying every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

<sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*The Gospel for Easter Sunday can either be the Easter account of the evangelist for that year, or John's Easter account. As with the other Easter readings, we rotate these evenly over the years. It's our turn to hear Luke 24:1-12 this year.*

## Holy Gospel Luke 24:1-12

*Like John, Luke tells of Peter running to the tomb in response to the testimony of the women, but Luke includes a group of women, whereas John only has Mary Magdalene.*

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son-of-Humanity must be handed over to the hands of sinners, and be crucified and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

<sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to the apostles an idle tale, and they did not believe the women.

<sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.