



## EASTER DAY

### The Collect

#### *Traditional*

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

#### *Contemporary*

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 be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Old Testament Lesson

#### *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wine on the lees well refined. And he will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever, and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

## Psalm 118:14-29

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

<sup>16</sup> "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \*  
LORD, send us now success.

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; \*  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

## The Epistle

### *Acts 10:34-43*

And Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to 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; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## The Gospel

### *Mark 16:1-8*

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.