Sunday 5 April – Easter Day

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

[34]Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly 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]You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. [37]That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: [38]how 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. [39]We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; [40]but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, [41]not 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. [42]He 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. [43]All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦
'His mercy endures for ever.'

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, ♦
and he has become my salvation.

15 Joyful shouts of salvation ♦
sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up; ♦
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

17 I shall not die, but live ♦
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, ♦
but he has not given me over to death.

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

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

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Gospel: John 20:1-18

[1]Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene
came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the
tomb. [2]So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one
whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the
tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' [3]Then Peter and the
other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. [4]The two were running
together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
[5]He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he
did not go in. [6]Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the
tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, [7]and the cloth that had been
on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place
by itself. [8]Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in,
and he saw and believed; [9]for as yet they did not understand the scripture,
that he must rise from the dead. [10]Then the disciples returned to their
homes.

[11]But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to
look into the tomb; [12]and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the
body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
[13]They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They
have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'
[14]When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there,
but she did not know that it was Jesus. [15]Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why
are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the
gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where
you have laid him, and I will take him away.' [16]Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She
turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher.
[17]Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended
to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my
Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' [18]Mary Magdalene went
and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them
that he had said these things to her.