

**Parish of the Ascension
Easter Day
April 4, 2021**

in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 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.'" 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. **JOHN 20:1-18**

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our strength and salvation,
receive all we offer you this day,
and grant that we who have confessed your name,
and received new life in baptism,
may live in the joy of the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ the Lord. **AMEN**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life,
bring us to the glory of the resurrection
promised in this Easter sacrament.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **AMEN**

COLLECT

Lord of life and power,
through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
you have overcome the old order of sin and death
and have made all things new in him.
May we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
reign with him in glory,
who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled
with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will
destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the
sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the
disgrace 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, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for
whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
Isaiah 25:6-9

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."

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

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord
is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

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

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."

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

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

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

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has
opened to us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts that we may
follow where he has gone and share in the radiance of his glory.
We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord. PSALM 118:1-2, 14-
24**

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE
CORINTHIANS**

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news
that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also
you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold
firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have
come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first
importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that
he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and
that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to
more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of
whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to
James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born,
he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be
called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by
the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not
been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them -
though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether
then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to
believe. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11**

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Reader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN**

People: Glory to, you Lord Jesus Christ

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. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and
went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other
disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to
look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go