

FIRST READING

Acts 10.34–43

This reading must be read any Eucharist

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius:

‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

but, in every nation, anyone who fears him
(and does what is right) is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ – He is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee – after the baptism that John announced:

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.

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;

but God raised Him on the third day
and allowed Him to appear,

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.

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.

All the prophets testify about Him
that everyone who believes in Him
receives forgiveness of sins through His name.’

This is the Word of The Lord.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15.19–26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If, for this life only, we have hoped in Christ,
we are, of all people, most to be pitied.

But, in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead!

The first fruits of those who have died!

For since death came through a human being,

the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;

for as all die in Adam,

so all will be made alive in Christ.

But each in his own order:

Christ the first fruits,

then (at His coming) those who belong to Christ.

Then comes the end,

when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father,

after He has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.

For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed – is death!

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GOSPEL

John 20.1–18

The Holy Gospel is written in the 20th. chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the 1st. verse... ...Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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 towards 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 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.

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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?
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.’

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.