

**Sentence**

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

1 Corinthians 5.7–8

**Prayer of the day**

Glorious Lord of life,  
by the mighty resurrection of your Son  
you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead  
may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

**Acts 10:34–43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

(NRSV)

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

**Hymn to the Risen Christ** (page 6)

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

**so let us celebrate the feast,**

Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

**death has no more dominion over him.**

In dying he died to sin once for all:

**in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Christ has been raised from the dead:

**the firstfruits of those who sleep.**

For as by one man came death:

**by another has come also resurrection of the dead;**

For as in Adam all die:

**even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

#### **Colossians 3:1–4**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. (NRSV)

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#### **Matthew 28:1–10**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

<sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

<sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”

<sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**