

Easter Scripture Readings

The Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! 2 Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.' 14 The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. 15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; 16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.' 17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. 18 The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. 20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. 21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Easter lilies have been presented to the glory of God by the following:

Neoma Clay – *In memory of my son Tony Clay and friend Kristen Fallstone*

Craig Cogger – *In memory of Tom & Helen Cogger*

Allison & Alan Kies – *In thanksgiving for God's work in our lives*

Ann Kirby – *In memory of Chuck Kirby*

Kathy Olson – *In memory of those family & friends having Easter in Heaven, and in honor of those who struggle*

Emanuel Herrera Olvera – *In memory of my dad*

Helga Reed-Jefferson – *In memory of my mom*

Karen Russell – *In memory of my mother Elizabeth*

Pastor John Stroeh & Leigh Wong – *In thanksgiving for our children Luke & Joy!*

Kit Thompson – *In loving memory of Aunt Sheila*

Janet Willis & Don Whittles – *In memory of sons Lane & Max and in honor of our families*

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Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

PRAISE GOD! JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!