



EASTER DAY

23rd March 2008

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps.118

Response: *This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the children of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

R.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

R.

Second Reading

Col. 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians
Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

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 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.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

The Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyrighted, 1989, by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and are used by permission. All rights reserved.

Printed at the Anglican Benedictine Abbey, Camperdown. 3260. www.benedictineabbey.com.au