

April 9, 2023 — Easter

## A reading from Acts

## All Services

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “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.”

## The word of the Lord.

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READING: Psalm 118

Early Service Only

**“We will read the Psalm responsively.”**

**L: <sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!**

C: <sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**L: <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.**

C: <sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

**L: <sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."**

C: <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**L: <sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.**

C: <sup>8</sup>Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

**L: <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

C: <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**L: <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

C: <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**L: <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

C: <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.