

April 9, 2023 — Easter

A reading from Acts

All Services

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All 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: **¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!**

C: **²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

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

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

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

C: **¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

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

C: **⁸Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

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

C: **²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

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

C: **²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

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

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