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First reading

Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism

35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross,

40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Psalm

Psalm 98

- 1** Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- 2** The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- 3** He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 4** Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
- 5** make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
- 6** with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King.
- 7** Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
- 8** Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;
- 9** let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

- 1** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- 2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

9 Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”