

# Easter Day

**05 April 2026**

## **Sentence**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

## **Collect**

Glorious Lord of life,  
by the mighty resurrection of your Son  
you overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, who celebrate with joy  
Christ's rising from the dead  
may be raised from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness;  
through him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **1st Reading**

### **Acts 10.34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

## **Psalm**

### **The Hymn to the Risen Christ**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.  
Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.  
In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.  
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the firstfruits of those who sleep.  
For as by one man came death:  
by another has come also resurrection of the dead;  
For as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

## **2nd Reading**

### **Colossians 3.1-4**

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

<sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
<sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 28.1-10**

<sup>1</sup> After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'