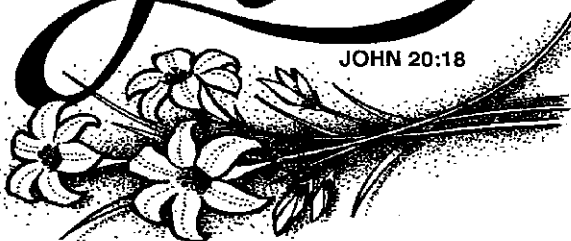
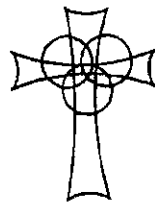


*I have  
seen the  
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JOHN 20:18

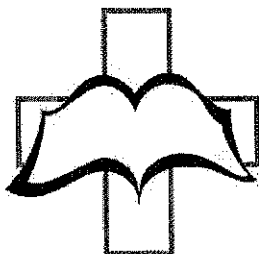


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**Midweek Devotions and Bible Study  
Wednesday in the Week of Easter  
April 15, 2020**

**Service of the Word in Eastertide**

✠ *Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!* ✠

The Opening Versicles:

*Psalms 70:1 and 139:7  
and Liturgical Text*

- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.  
**C** O Lord, make haste to help me!
- P** If I ascend to heaven, You are there!  
**C** If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!
- P** In Your resurrection, O Christ,  
**C** let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia!

- P** <sup>1</sup>Hear my cry, O God,  
listen to my prayer;
- C** <sup>2</sup>**from the end of the earth I call to you  
when my heart is faint.  
Lead me to the rock  
that is higher than I,**
- P** <sup>3</sup>for you have been my refuge,  
a strong tower against the enemy.
- C** <sup>4</sup>**Let me dwell in your tent forever!  
Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!**
- P** <sup>5</sup>For you, O God, have heard my vows;  
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**Prolong the life of the king;  
may his years endure to all generations!**
- P** <sup>7</sup>May he be enthroned forever before God;  
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!
- C** <sup>8</sup>**So will I ever sing praises to your name,  
as I perform my vows day after day.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Scripture Reading for the Day

*Acts 3:13-15, 17-19*

<sup>13</sup>[Peter said to the crowd,] “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. . . .

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Scripture Study for the Day

*The Days of Resurrection*

Study 1

What Happened on the Morning of that First Day of the Week?

XVII. THE RESURRECTION

352. The Women at the Tomb

Matt. 28. 1-8  
26. 32; 28. 10

Mark 16. 1-8  
14. 28

Luke 24. 1-12  
23. 56

John 20. 1-13  
20. 18; 20. 17

(no. 350 15.42-47 p. 323)

<sup>1</sup>And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices; so that they might go and anoint him.

<sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen.

<sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—for it was very large.

<sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb,

they saw a young man sitting on the right side,

dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed.

23. 56 (no. 350, p. 323)

<sup>66</sup>Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

(no. 350 23.50-56 p. 323)

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared.

<sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

<sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body.

<sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them

in dazzling apparel;

<sup>5</sup>and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground,

(no. 350 19.38-42 p. 323)

<sup>1</sup>Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark,

and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

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	[Matt. 28.1-8]	[Mark 16.1-8]	[Luke 24.1-12]	[John 20.1-13]
27	5But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.	6And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.	the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"	27
30	6He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.	He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him.	[He is not here, but has risen.] 6Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of man must be delivered	30
33	7Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you."	7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you."	8And they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.	33
36	8So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.	8And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.	10Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; 11but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.	36
42			12But Peter rose and ran to the tomb;	39
45			2So 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."	42
48			20.18 (no. 353, p. 327)	45
51			18 Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.	48
54			3Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. 4They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; 5and	51
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Matt.	Mark	[Luke 24.1-12]	[John 20.1-13]
63		stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves,	stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but
66			he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and
69			went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying,
72		and he went home wondering at what had happened.]	<sup>7</sup> and the napkin, which had been on his head, not
75		<i>(no. 355 24.13-35 p. 329)</i>	lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a
78			place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached
81	26.32 <i>(no. 315, p. 288)</i>		the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for
84	82 "But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."	14.28 <i>(no. 315, p. 288)</i>	as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise
	28.10 <i>(no. 353, p. 327)</i>	82 "But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."	from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes.
	10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."		<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as
			she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw
			two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one
			at the head and one at the feet.
			<sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why
			are you weeping?" She said to them,
			"Because they have taken away my Lord,
			and I do not know where they have laid him."
			20.17 <i>(no. 353, p. 327)</i>
			<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have
			not yet ascended to the Father; but go
			to my brethren and say to them,
			I am ascending to my Father and your
			Father, to my God and your God."

353. Jesus Appears to the Women

Matt. 28.9-10 28.7-8; 26.32	Mark 16.9-11 16.7; 14.28	Luke 24.10-11 (no. 352, p. 325)	John 20.14-18
<p>3 <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!"</p>	<p>16.9-11 (no. 363, p. 334)  <sup>9</sup>Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.</p>	<p><sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them</p>	<p><sup>14</sup>Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."</p>
<p>And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.  <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."</p>	<p>16.7 (no. 352, p. 325)  <sup>7</sup>"But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you."  <sup>10</sup>She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept.  <sup>11</sup>But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.</p>	<p>who told this to the apostles; <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them."</p>	<p><sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.</p>
<p>28.7-8 (no. 352 p. 325)  <sup>7</sup>"Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.</p>	<p>14.28 (no. 315, p. 288)  <sup>28</sup>"But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."</p>	<p>(no. 356 20.19-23 p. 330)</p>	
<p>26.32 (no. 315, p. 288)  <sup>28</sup>"But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."</p>	<p><sup>28</sup>"But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."</p>		

### 354. The Report of the Guard

Matt. 28.11-15

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11 While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sum of money to the soldiers 13 and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' 14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So they took the money and did as they were directed; and this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

(no. 364 28.16-20 p. 335)

The Prayers:

**P** On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for all the people He has redeemed.

Let us pray that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of Christ's cross:

**C** **O Lord, hear us.**

**P** Let us pray that all people everywhere may receive the Good News of His victory:

**C** **O Lord, hear us.**

**P** Let us pray that all those born to new life in the waters of Baptism may know the power of the Lord's resurrection:

**C** **O Lord, hear us.**

**P** Let us pray that those who suffer any pain or anguish may find healing and peace in the risen wounds of Christ:

**C** **O Lord, hear us.**

**P** Let us rejoice in the lives of all of God's saints, and let us pray that in the undying love of Christ we may be at last united with all who have died in the faith of Christ in the joys of God's eternal kingdom:

**C** **O Lord, hear us.**

**P** Let us commend the world, for which Christ died and rose again from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God.

*Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.*

The Lord's Prayer:

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**



The Collect of the Day:

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The Collect for the Easter Season:

- P** O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

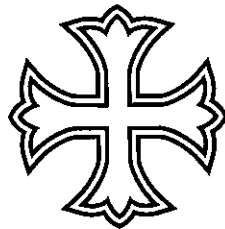
The Closing Prayer:

after Richard of Chichester (1253)

- P** We pray:  
**C** Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You  
for all the benefits that You have won for us,  
for all the pains and insults that You bore for us.  
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
may we know You more clearly,  
love You more dearly,  
and follow You more nearly,  
day by day.  
Amen.

The Benediction:

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** Amen.



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