

## All Age Readings for Easter Sunday (B)

### ***First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11***

*A Reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians,*

*Chapter 15 beginning at verse 1*

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**(Pause)**

Hear the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Second Reading: Mark 16:1-8***

*A Reading from the Gospel according to St Mark,*

*Chapter 16 beginning at Verse 1*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**(Pause)**

Hear the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Other Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9**

*A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 25 beginning at verse 6*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**(Pause)**

Hear the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Psalm 118:1,2,14-24 APBA p 347***

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim:  
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song:  
and has become my salvation.
- 15 The sounds of joy and deliverance:  
are in the tents of the righteous.
- 16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:  
the right hand of the Lord raises up.
- 17 I shall not die but live:  
and proclaim the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has disciplined me hard:  
but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open me the gates of righteousness:  
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord:  
the righteous shall enter it.
- 21 I will praise you, for you answered me:  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected:  
has become the head of the corner.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing:  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made:  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.