

EASTER MONDAY

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

HYMN 105 GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE AND SING

1 Good Christian men, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King; To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!	2 The Lord of life is risen for aye; Bring flowers of song to strew His way; Let all mankind rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3 Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!	4 Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Psalm 100 is read

- 1 Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with joyful singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD is God! It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- 4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him, and bless His name!
- 5 For the LORD is good. His mercy endures for ever, and His faithfulness through all generations.

THE READING: Hebrews 9:1-28

¹ The first Covenant used to have regulations for worship and its earthly sanctuary. ² For a Tabernacle was set up. There is the first part, which contains the lampstand, the table and the presentation of the sacred bread. This is called "the Holy Place." ³ Behind the second curtain there is the part of the Tabernacle that is called "the Most Holy Place," ⁴ which has the golden altar of incense and the Ark of the Covenant, which had been overlaid on all sides with gold. In it there are the golden jar containing the manna, the staff of Aaron that had budded and the tablets of the Covenant. ⁵ Above it are the cherubim of glory overshadowing the propitiatory-cover. It is not possible to speak in detail now about these things. ⁶ After these things had been arranged in this way, the priests always used to go into the first part of the Tabernacle as they performed the rites. ⁷ However, into the second part only the High Priest used to go once a year, but not without blood, and used to offer it for himself and for the sins that the people had committed in ignorance. ⁸ The Holy Spirit was showing this clearly that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed while the first Tabernacle was still standing. ⁹ This is an illustration for the present time, in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered, although they cannot make the worshipper perfect in his conscience. ¹⁰ They are regulations imposed on the body only about kinds of food and drink and various ceremonial washings until the time of the new order.

¹¹ However, Christ has come as a High Priest of the good things that have been done, through the greater and more perfect Tabernacle, which has not been made by human hands, that is, not a part of this creation. ¹² Moreover, not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood He entered once for all into the Most Holy Place, when He obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For, if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer that are sprinkled on people who have been defiled make them holy, so that their bodies are clean, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who, through the eternal Spirit, has offered Himself without blemish to God, make our consciences clean from dead works, that we may serve the living God? ¹⁵ This is also why He is the Mediator of the new Covenant, that, after death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions under the first Covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. ¹⁶ For, where there is a testament, it is necessary that the death of the

one who has made the testament must be established. ¹⁷ For a testament is in force after people have died, since it is never valid while the one who has made the testament is still alive. ¹⁸ That is why even the first Covenant has not been inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For, after Moses had told all the people every Commandment in accordance with the Law, he took the blood of calves and goats, together with water, scarlet wool and hyssop and sprinkled both the scroll itself and all the people. ²⁰ He said, "This is the blood of the Covenant, which God has commanded for you." ²¹ Then in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the Tabernacle and all the objects used in worship. ²² According to the Law almost everything is made clean by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

²³ Therefore, it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified by these means, but the heavenly things themselves are purified with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has not gone into sacred places that have been made by hands, which are representations of the genuine ones. Rather, He has gone into heaven itself, where He now appears in the presence of God for us. ²⁵ Nor did He go in to offer Himself often, as the High Priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Otherwise He would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world. Instead, now He has appeared once, at the end of the ages, to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ Moreover, as it has been appointed for human beings to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ also has been sacrificed once to "take away the sins of many people." He will appear a second time, dissociated from sin, to those who are eagerly waiting for Him, to bring salvation.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COLLECT: O God, in the paschal feast You restore all creation. Continue to send Your heavenly gifts upon Your people that they may walk in perfect freedom and receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 103 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

1
I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

3
He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

5
He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare,
He lives to bring me safely there.

2
He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

4
He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end,
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

6
He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
O the sweet joy this sentences gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

THE GRADUAL:

(ALL) This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

For His steadfast love endures forever! Amen.

THE BENEDICTION