

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 17, 2022

Gospel

John 20:1-9 (or Luke 24:1-12,
or Luke 24:13-35)

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb
early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the
tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus
loved, and told them,
“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don’t know where they put him.”
So Peter and the other disciple went out
and came to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran
faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the burial cloths
there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw the
burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up
in a separate place.



Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb
first,
and he saw and believed.
For they did not yet understand the
Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.

Readings for the week:

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,
22-23
Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9 or
Luke 24:1-12
or Luke 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16:1-2a and 5,
7-8, 9-10, 11
Matt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19,
20 and 22
John 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,
6-7, 8-9
Luke 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8:2ab and 5,
6-7, 8-9
Luke 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118:1-2 and 4,
22-24, 25-27a
John 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118:1 and
14-15ab, 16-18,
19-21
Mark 16:9-15

2nd Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Rev 1:9-11a,
12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31



Opening Prayer

O God, who on this day,
 through your Only Begotten Son,
 have conquered death
 and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
 grant, we pray, that we who keep
 the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
 may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
 rise up in the light of life.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

James Cone in his book *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* equates crucifixion with the lynching of Black bodies, most prolific post-slavery and through the Jim Crow era.

In May 2020, the country witnessed what was essentially a public lynching when George Floyd was murdered by a police officer who placed his knee on Floyd's neck for 9 minutes and 29 seconds. This incident highlighted what many called the pandemic within the pandemic: racism. The murder (or public lynching) of George Floyd occurred not long after other incidents. In early May 2020, the country became aware of the vigilante death of Ahmaud Arbery, followed by an announcement of the police killing of Breonna Taylor a few weeks later, followed by the weaponizing of the police in New York City's Central Park as a white woman threatened an innocent Black man, and then finally, on the same day, the death of George Floyd. Especially for the Black community, this was trauma after trauma. One hadn't fully processed one murder before another had taken place. For Mary, who was present when Jesus was crucified (John 19:25), to arrive at the tomb two days later and find the body of Jesus missing must have been more than surprise or shock. It was traumatic: trauma added to trauma.

Yet, it is in the midst of great tragedy that God's power is revealed. It is through God's grace that we are able to experience hope in the midst of tragedy and trauma. From the public lynching of George Floyd we saw people across racial lines come together in protest for justice and a recognition that Black people are disproportionately affected by police brutality. The resurrection of Jesus not only represents hope in the midst of tragedy, but also the transformation of physical and spiritual death to life.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. In your resurrection you remind us that death never wins. Life and love always prevail. Help us share this life and love with others as we strive to remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- When have you encountered the newness of life that springs from death?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Announcements
04/16/22 to 04/17/22

Financials: 04/04/22 – 04/10/22

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$4870.00 Over \$2470.00		
In Church		\$	4870.00
Mail In		\$	00.00
On Line Giving		\$	00.00

Although wearing a mask during mass is optional, we encourage all to respect the elderly and those with underlying health conditions in our congregation by wearing your mask if possible.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00 p.m. in church on Sundays. All are welcome.

Bread Day, Tuesday, April 19th – order sheet at back of church. Immediately after Sunday Mass, help will be needed to configure the hall for this monthly endeavor. Volunteers are always needed. Kitchen crew starts at 3:30 pm on Monday and all others report at 4:30 p.m. Order pickup on Tuesday, April 19th from 8 a.m. to NOON. Mahalo for your kokua!

Next weekend, Second Collection for Maintenance Fund.

Have a Blessed Week

and

HAPPY EASTER!