

**SUNDAY, APRIL 09, 2023**  
**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY**

- 1) Acts 10:34a, 37-43
- 2) Colossians 3:1-4
- 3) John 20:1-18 or  
Luke 24:13-35

**FOCUS:** Jesus is not dead. He is alive!

We know in our hearts the truths we profess, but it's completely different to truly live according to those truths. The Resurrection is a historical and transcendent event, but it also has concrete application in our lives. As we celebrate the Resurrection, we have the opportunity to live according to the truth that Jesus remains present to us today.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Peter speaks to the people and recounts the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection. He tells them that *everyone who believes in [Jesus] will receive forgiveness of sins through his name*. Paul writes to the Colossians, *Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God*. In the Gospel, Mary of Magdala finds the stone removed from the tomb of Jesus. She runs and tells Simon Peter and the beloved disciple, who themselves then run to the tomb to see what she saw.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

PRIEST: With confidence, we bring our needs before our loving Father.

- 1) For the Church, may Christ continue to bless her with all she needs to bring his love to the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For peace and justice in our nations and across the world, may he who is risen dwell in the hearts of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who struggle with loneliness, isolation, or despair, may Jesus the Divine Physician bring them comfort and healing, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may we be united in the hope and joy of faith on this Easter solemnity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they experience today the fullness of life in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, look upon us in love and provide for all our needs. Please hear and answer these prayers that we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.