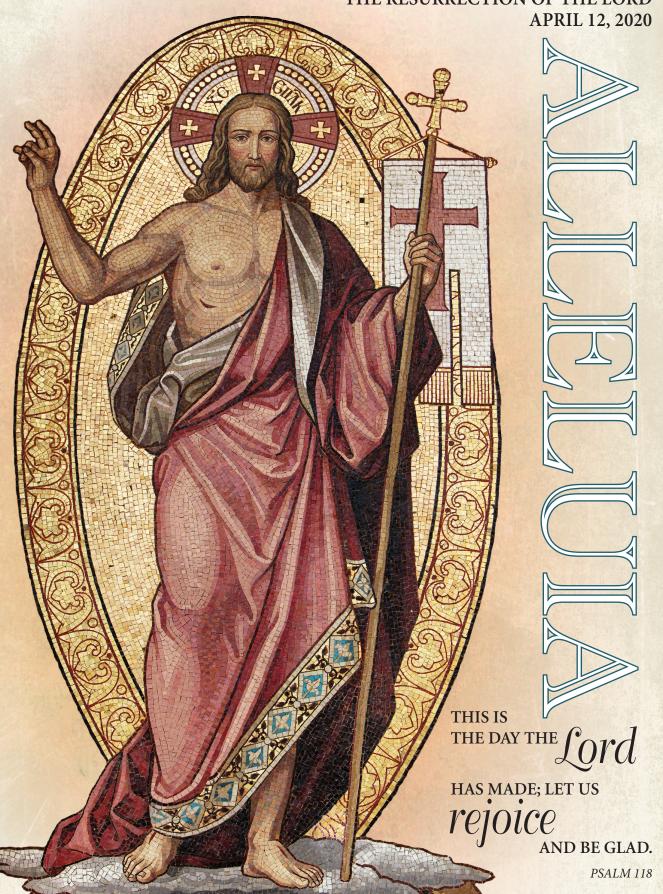
## EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 12, 2020



### Weekly Scripture

#### Easter Sunday, April 12

The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

#### Monday, April 13

Monday in the Octave of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mt 28:8-15

#### Tuesday, April 14

*Tuesday in the Octave of Easter* Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18

#### Wednesday, April 15

Wednesday in the Octave of Easter Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35

#### Thursday, April 16

*Thursday in the Octave of Easter* Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48

#### Friday, April 17

*Friday in the Octave of Easter* Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday, April 18

Saturday in the Octave of Easter Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15

#### Sunday, April 19

Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

## Lost and Found

Gospel Reflection based on John 20:1-9

Regardless of how organized we are, we still manage to lose things whether it's the keys, the Wi-Fi password, or even just the name of the lady in the next pew. To lose even trivial things can be quite disturbing. While we're in pursuit, everything else gets put on pause. We ransack our houses and scour our memories. And we can't quit searching until it's in our hand.

Today, our Lord has been lost to us, and—as the Apostles rush off—a search ensues. Two days ago they lost their beloved friend and messianic hope. Today they lose the last remaining relic of their faith. Their minds scramble and legs careen in search of something, they know not what.

But, their pursuit is not the only one afoot. For, before they ever set out, the Lord was already in pursuit of them. Indeed, he has pursued them to the very depths of hell and back.

In his Resurrection, Christ shows that he has left no stone unturned—no ruin unredeemed. He has suffered *all loss* for love of us. Though we have strayed, he has anguished in search of us. For he loves our destiny even more than we do, and he has gone before us to seek it out. So, while our search for him continues, we rest assured that he has found us.

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## Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen, Alleluia.

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.

Pope John Paul II

# **Easter Inspiration**

From Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI

The Lord is alive and wants to be sought among the living. After having found him, each person is sent out by him to announce the Easter message, to awaken and resurrect hope in hearts burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life. This is so necessary today. However, we must not proclaim ourselves. Rather, as joyful servants of hope, we must announce the Risen One by our lives and by our love; otherwise we will be only an international organization full of followers and good rules, yet incapable of offering the hope for which the world longs. — *Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis on the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, March 26, 2016* 

*Resurrectio Domini, spes nostra!* The resurrection of Christ is our hope! This the Church proclaims today with joy. She announces the hope that is now firm and invincible because God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. ... She invokes the hope that can call forth the courage to do good, even when it costs, especially when it costs. Today the Church sings "the day that the Lord has made," and she summons people to joy. — *Urbi et Orbi Message of His Holiness Benedict XVI, Easter 2009* 

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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has compiled an extensive resource list to help us spiritually during this health crisis. These resources include a reflection by Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, President of the USCCB, as well as Quick Links to a variety of online Masses, prayers, resources for personal study and reflection, pastoral resources for those ministering to families, youth, or parish members, and more. Visit it at:

www.usccb.org/about/communications/usccb-president-reflection-and-prayerduring-coronavirus.cfm O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING? O HELL, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? CHRIST IS RISEN, AND YOU ARE OVERTHROWN. CHRIST IS RISEN, AND THE DEMONS ARE FALLEN. CHRIST IS RISEN, AND THE ANGELS REJOICE. CHRIST IS RISEN, AND LIFE REIGNS.

St. John Chrysostom, Easter Homily

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