

April 5, 2026 (Easter)

First Reading

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

A reading from the 118th Psalm.

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the 3rd Chapter of Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth,
for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**