



Prayer of the Day

O God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him who died and rose again for us. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Job 19:23-27

²³"Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!"

Psalms 118:15-29

¹⁵There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory*
in the tents | of the righteous:

¹⁶"**The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!***
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!"

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,*
and declare the works | of the LORD.

¹⁸**The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,***
but he did not hand me | over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;*
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰"**This is the gate | of the LORD;***
he who is | righteous may enter."

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me*
and have become | my salvation.

²²**The same stone which the build- | ers rejected***
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³This is | the LORD's doing,*
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴**On this day the | LORD has acted;***
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

²⁵Hosannah, | LORD, hosannah!*

LORD, send us | now success.

²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the LORD;***
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.

²⁷God is the LORD; he has | shined upon us;*

form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.

²⁸"**You are my God, and | I will thank you;***
you are my God, and I | will exalt you."

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*

his mercy en- | dures forever.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 20:1-18

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" — and that he had said these things to her.