

APRIL 5, 2026
EASTER SUNDAY



Christ is risen!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 28:1-10	Christ's resurrection
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	Peter speaks of faith in Jesus
Tuesday	John 20:1-18	The resurrection of Jesus
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Israel will return to God
Thursday	Colossians 3:1-4	New life in Christ
Friday	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord has saved us
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	The Lord is always merciful
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“So they [Mary Magdalene and the other Mary] left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.” **Matthew 28:8-9 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to live each day knowing and trusting that Jesus' resurrection changes everything we experience around us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as our Lord Jesus Christ ate with Peter and the other disciples after he rose from the dead, be with us now in this meal. Amen. (Acts 10:41)

A Blessing to Give:

May you rejoice in the risen Lord.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus Christ Is Risen

Today

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When was a time you experienced something that changed your life?
- Imagine that you were one of the women who went to the tomb the first Easter morning. How do you think you would have felt? How do you think it changed them?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 28:1-10.

Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” go to the empty tomb. The second Mary is likely Jesus' mother (Matthew 13:55 and 27:56 describe Jesus' mother as the mother of James and Joseph). It is surprising that this second Mary is not named as the mother of Jesus. It appears that the emphasis is not on her biological relationship to Jesus but her role as a follower of Jesus. Mary is now a disciple. Jesus' resurrection changes and shakes up everything, including our relationships with others. This is something suggested by the earthquake and the angel of the Lord that descends and whose appearance is like lightning. The resurrection of Jesus connects heaven and earth in a way that shakes up everything for the followers of Jesus.

Discuss: How does Jesus' resurrection shake up the way you understand God's care for you and others?

Pray: **Risen Lord Jesus, come into my life this day that I may be changed to live for you.**

Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you encourage someone to have hope?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Plan an Easter egg hunt. Fill eggs with treats and before the hunt begins, say these words with responses:

Say: **This is the day the Lord has made.**

Say: **Christ is risen!**

Say: **Lord, you give us new life.**

Say: **Christ is risen!**

Response: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Response: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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Enjoy the egg hunt and after all the eggs are found, gather and pray: **Dear God, we thank you for this day and for these Easter eggs, a sign of new life and a symbol of the resurrection.**

May our joy and laughter reflect the power of new life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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