

## **Ezekiel 47:1-12 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. <sup>2</sup>Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

<sup>3</sup>Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. <sup>4</sup>Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. <sup>5</sup>Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?”

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. <sup>7</sup>As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. <sup>8</sup>And he said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. <sup>9</sup>And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will

live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. <sup>10</sup>Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. <sup>11</sup>But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. <sup>12</sup>And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.”

## **Revelation 22:1-20 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

<sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the

prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

<sup>7</sup>“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

<sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

<sup>10</sup>And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

<sup>11</sup>Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

<sup>12</sup>“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup>“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

<sup>18</sup>I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, <sup>19</sup>and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

<sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

### **Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great

joy, and ran to tell his disciples.  
9And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and

worshiped him. 10Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

### **EASTER SUNDAY: The Resurrection of Our Lord**

Acts 10:34–43 (or Jeremiah 31:1–6); Colossians 3:1–4; St. Matthew 28:1–10

#### ***The Victory of the Christ Crucified Is Given to You in the Preaching of His Resurrection***

Every Sunday is the Lord’s Day, the day of His Resurrection, “*after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week*” (Matt. 28:1). In the Divine Service the Church enters upon the eternal “Eighth Day.” The Lord Jesus, “*who was crucified,*” who “*has risen, as He said*” (Matt. 28:6), is the firstborn from the dead and the first-fruits of the New Creation. Because “*you have died*” with Him in Holy Baptism, “*you have been raised with Christ*” and “*your life is hidden with Christ in God*” (Col. 3:1, 3). The Lord Jesus has become our God, as surely as He is “*the God of all the clans of Israel,*” and we now belong to His people (Jer. 31:1). In this He “*shows no partiality*” (Acts 10:34), but “*everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name*” (Acts 10:43). As “*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power*” and “*raised Him on the third day,*” He also raises us up and pours out His Spirit upon us through the Gospel (Acts 10:38, 40).

#### ***Next Week’s Readings from God’s Word:***

April 19: The Second Sunday of Easter  
Acts 5:29-42; Psalm 148 (v.13); 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

# The Resurrection of our Lord

April 12, 2020

## INTROIT

*Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; Antiphon: Exodus 15:1b*

*I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.*

*The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.*

*Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.*

*You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;  
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.*

*You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.*

The LORD will reign forever and ever."

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.*



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** *Almighty God the Father,  
through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
You have overcome death  
and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.*

*Grant that we,*

*who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection,  
may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit;*

*through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.*

**C** ♪[Amen]♪

## GRADUAL

*adapt. From Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

*Christ has risen from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,

*He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;*

he has put all things under his feet.

## RESPONSE FOR PRAYERS

*After each petition: P Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.*