

Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

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

Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

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

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.



THE COLLECT FOR EASTER

Almighty God,
through your only-begotten
Son Jesus Christ
you have overcome death
and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
Grant that, as by your grace
going before us
you put into our minds good
desires,
so by your continual help we
may bring them to good
effect;
through Jesus Christ
our risen Lord
who is alive and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

EASTER WITH ST GALL'S



Wishing you every blessing at this
Easter Time.



THE EASTER STORY

The Resurrection of Jesus



Living God,
for our redemption you
gave your only-begotten
Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious
resurrection
you have delivered us from
the power of our enemy.
Grant us so to die daily
unto sin,
that we may evermore live
with him in the joy of his
risen life;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They 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.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because 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." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.