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First Reading
Acts 10:34a, 37–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to Cornelius and his household:
"You surely know what happened everywhere in Judea.
It all began in Galilee after John had told everyone to be baptized.
God gave the Holy Spirit and power to Jesus from Nazareth.
He was with Jesus,
as he went around doing good
and healing everyone who was under the power of the devil.
We all saw what Jesus did both in Israel and in the city of Jerusalem.

"Jesus was put to death on a cross.
But three days later,
God raised him to life and let him be seen.
Not everyone saw him.
He was seen only by us,
who ate and drank with him after he was raised from death.
We were the ones God chose to tell others about him.

"God told us to announce clearly to the people
that Jesus is the one he has chosen
to judge the living and the dead.

"Every one of the prophets has said
that all who have faith in Jesus
will have their sins forgiven in his name."

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 15c-16ab & 17, 22-23

All: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Tell the Lord
how thankful you are,
because he is kind
and always merciful.
Let Israel shout,
"God is always merciful!"

All: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

The Lord is powerful!
With his mighty arm
the Lord wins victories!
And so my life is safe,
and I will live to tell
what the Lord has done.

All: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

The stone that the builders
tossed aside
has now become
the most important stone.
The Lord has done this,
and it is amazing to us.

All: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

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Second Reading
Colossians 3:1–4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:
You have been raised to life with Christ.
Now set your heart on what is in heaven,
where Christ rules at God's right side.
Think about what is up there,
not about what is here on earth.

You died, which means that your life is hidden with Christ,
who sits beside God.
Christ gives meaning to your life,
and when he appears,
you will also appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel
John 20:1–9

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

On Sunday morning while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene went to the tomb
and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.
She ran to Simon Peter and to Jesus' favorite disciple and said,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb!
We don't know where they have put him."

Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.
They ran side by side,
until the other disciple ran faster than Peter and got there first.
He bent over and saw the strips of linen cloth lying inside the tomb,
but he did not go in.

When Simon Peter got there,
he went into the tomb and saw the strips of cloth.
He also saw the piece of cloth that had been used to cover Jesus' face.
It was rolled up and in a place by itself.
The disciple who got there first then went into the tomb,
and when he saw it, he believed.
At that time Peter and the other disciple did not know
that the Scriptures said Jesus would rise to life.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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