

## Gospel

Mk. 16:1-15

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation”.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## SAINT MARK the EVANGELIST

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whole creation*

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## Sentence

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

Mark 16.15

## Prayer of the day

Almighty God,  
by the inspired witness of Mark the evangelist  
you have given to your Church the gospel  
of Jesus Christ your Son:  
strengthen us by this saving message  
that we may not be carried away  
with every changing wind of doctrine  
but be firmly grounded in the truth of your word;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isa. 62:6-12

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 89: 1-9 APBA Page 315

1 Lord I will sing for ever of your | loving- | kindness:  
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness  
through | out all | gener | ations.  
2 I have said of your loving-kindness  
that it is | built for | ever:  
you have established your | faithful .ness | in the | heavens.

3 The Lord said 'I have made a covenant | with my | chosen:  
I have sworn an | oath . to my | servant | David.  
4 'I will establish your | line for | ever:  
and will build up your | throne for | all . gener | ations.'  
5 Let the heavens praise your | wonders . O | Lord:  
and let your faithfulness be sung  
in the as | sembly | of the | holy ones.  
6 For who amidst the clouds can be comp | ared . to the | Lord:  
or who is like the | Lord a | mongst the | gods?  
7 – A God to be feared in the council | of the | holy ones:  
great and terrible above | all that | are a | round him.  
8 O Lord God of hosts | who is | like you?:  
your power and your | faithfulness . are . all a | bout you.  
9 You rule the | raging . of the | sea:  
when its | waves | surge you | still them.

## Second Reading

Eph. 4:7-16

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We preach a Christ who was crucified;  
he is the power and the wisdom of God.

**Alleluia!**