

## **Easter Day, March 31**

The Collect and Psalm will be read from The Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer  
The First Lesson, Epistle and Gospel will be read from New Revised Standard Version  
Anglicized Bible

**The Collect:** O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43**

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,  
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.  
36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ —he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people**

### **Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*

his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*

“His mercy endures for ever.”

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*

and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*

in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*

the right hand of the Lord is exalted!

the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, \*

and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*

but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*

I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 “This is the gate of the Lord; \*

he who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*

and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*

has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord’s doing, \*

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

15 Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being

saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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#### **Gospel: John 20:1-18**

20 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. 2 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.' 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the

tomb; 12 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. 13 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.' 14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 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.' 16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). 17 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."' 18 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.

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

**On April 6 we celebrate the life of Daniel G. C. Wu. Priest and Missionary among Chinese Americans. Read from *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*.**

Church work among Chinese Americans in the San Francisco Bay Area dates back to the middle of the nineteenth century, but flourished under the leadership of Daniel Gee Ching Wu.

Born on October 19, 1883, in China, Wu traveled to Hawaii for work. There Deaconess Emma Drant asked Gee Ching Wu to teach her Chinese in exchange for lessons in English. At the time, Wu was not a Christian, but during their time together, Drant's Christian convictions inspired his conversion. Wu was baptized, taking the name Daniel. Drant left for San Francisco, where she began mission work among the Chinese and, in 1905, called together a worshipping community to be called True Sunshine Episcopal Mission. After the 1906 earthquake, many residents of San Francisco, including many Chinese, fled across the bay to Oakland, and a second Chinese mission took root there. Needing help, Drant called upon Daniel Wu to come from Hawaii and support her missionary efforts.

From the time of his arrival in 1907, Wu managed the work of the two missions while studying for ordination at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He was ordained in 1912 and became the Vicar of True Sunshine Episcopal Mission in San Francisco and Our Savior Episcopal Mission in Oakland, both of which were already thriving congregations.

Daniel Wu devoted his ministry to work among Chinese immigrants. He frequently worked the docks and ports of entry, made contact with those newly arrived, and assisted in whatever way possible to ease their transition to their new home. To keep them connected to their heritage, Wu and the people of his congregations offered classes in Chinese to the children and instruction in English to the adults. They offered a variety of programs that helped newcomers to adjust to their new country without losing the culture and heritage of their homeland.

For thirty-six years, Daniel Wu and his people opened their hearts and their churches to generations of Chinese Americans and played a singularly important role in establishing the ministry of The Episcopal Church among those of Asian descent.

**Let us pray:** Loving God, we give thanks for Daniel Wu and his work among the Chinese immigrants whose lives he touched in his day: By the power of your Holy Spirit give to your Church compassion and respect for all people, wherever they reside, that, inspired by your love, every community might be filled with your wisdom and call forth leaders to guide your flock in faithfulness to the Eternal Word, Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**