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A reading from the book of Colossians chapter 3 verses 1 to 4:

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 118.

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:

**People: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**People: The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

**People: This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**People: Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Leader: The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**People: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

**All: Glory 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.**

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away 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." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had 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 went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one 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." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

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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 Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for 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 that he had said these things to her.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.