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**A reading from Colossians chapter 3 verses 1 through 4. You can find the reading on page 984 in your pew Bible.**

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.

**People: Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the righteous:**

Leader: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,  
the right hand of the LORD exalts,

**People: 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 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.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. 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 Luke.**

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***