

A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verses 3 through 6 and verses 12 through 20. You can find this reading on page 961 of your pew Bible.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 114.

Leader: When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

**People: Judah became his sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.**

Leader: The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.

**People: The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.**

Leader: What ails you, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?

**People: O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?**

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**People: who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.**

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, 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. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.