

First Reading - Isaiah 65.17-19

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will create
new heavens, and a new earth,
says the Lord.
And the former things
will be remembered
no more.
Be glad
and rejoice
for ever
in my new creation.
And I myself
will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people.
And the sound of weeping
will be heard no more.
This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15.20-26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ
has indeed
been raised
from the dead,
the first fruits
of those who have died.
Just as death
came through
a human being,
so the resurrection
of the dead
has come
through a human being;
for all die
in Adam;
but in Christ,
all will be
made alive:
Christ
as the first fruits,
and at
the coming of Christ,
those who
belong to Christ.
And when all
is completed,
Christ will hand over the kingdom
to God the Father,
having overcome
every other
ruler, authority, and power;
for Christ will reign,
and all enemies
will be defeated;
and the final enemy
that will be destroyed
is death itself.
This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - John 20.1-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

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.
She hurried back to Simon Peter,
and the disciple Jesus loved, and said,
'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,
and we do not know
where they have laid him.'
Peter and the other disciple
set off running
towards the tomb.
The other disciple outran Peter,
reaching the tomb first.
Bending down to look in, he could see
the linen wrappings, lying there,
but did not go in.
Then Simon Peter came, following him,
and went into the tomb.
He saw the linen wrappings; and he saw
the cloth that had been on Jesus' head,
rolled up separately, in a place by itself.
Then the other disciple also went in,
and saw, and believed;
(for until this point,
they had not understood the scripture,
that he must rise from the dead).
When these two disciples returned to their homes,
Mary stayed, weeping, outside the tomb.
As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;
and she saw two angels, in white robes,
sitting one at the head, and one at the feet,
of where the body of Jesus had been.
The angels said to Mary, 'Why are you weeping?'
Mary said, 'They have taken away my Lord,
and I do not know where they have laid him.'
When she had said this, she turned around,
and saw Jesus standing there,
but she did not know
that it was Jesus.
Jesus asked her, 'Why are you weeping? Who is it
that you are looking for?'
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.'
Mary turned, and said to him, 'Teacher!'
Jesus said, 'Do not hold me,
for I have not yet ascended to the Father.
But go, and tell my brothers
that I am ascending
to my Father and your Father,
to my God and your God.'
Mary Magdalene went
and said to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord';
and she told them the words
the Lord had spoken to her.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.