

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures for ever."

R. This is the day . . . or Alleluia.

Hark, glad songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
the right hand of the Lord is exalted."

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

R. This is the day . . . or Alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the head of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

R. This is the day . . . or Alleluia.

READING II

Col. 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

If 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 hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

OR

READING II

1 Cor. 5:6b-8

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE (Prose text)

To the Paschal Victim let Christians offer a sacrifice of praise.

The Lamb redeemed the sheep. Christ, sinless, reconciled sinners to the Father.

Death and life were locked together in a unique struggle. Life's captain died; now he reigns, never more to die.

Tell us, Mary, "What did you see on the way?"

"I saw the tomb of the now living Christ. I saw the glory of Christ, now risen.

"I saw angels who gave witness; the cloths too which once had covered head and limbs.

"Christ my hope has arisen. He will go before his own into Galilee."

We know that Christ has indeed risen from the dead. Do you, conqueror and king, have mercy on us. Amen. Alleluia.

OR

SEQUENCE (Poetic text)

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems: Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

"The tomb of Christ, who is living,

The glory of Jesus' resurrection;

Bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen:

To Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

℣. Alleluia. ℞. Alleluia.

1 Cor. 5:7b-8a

℣. Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord. ℞. Alleluia.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead

On the first day of the week Mary Māg'dā-lēne came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken