

Year B; Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Acts 10:34-43
 - Or Isaiah 25:6-9
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 - Or Acts 10:34-43
- John 20:1-18
 - Or Mark 16:1-8

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

The prophet Isaiah writes that on the mountain of the Lord's House, he will destroy the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever. Let us confess where our vision has been shrouded and ask God's forgiveness.

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Peter testifies that you, O God do not show partiality but in every nation anyone who fears you and does what is right is acceptable to you. We, however, fail to fear you — we too often fear the world, its powers, and people following its image. We show partiality to people of other nations, tribes, languages, and peoples. In misplacing our fear and showing partiality, we sin, O Lord. Forgive our idolatry, our unfaithfulness, and our unrighteousness, O Lord. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Messiah who suffered that we might be forgiven. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*IN UNISON*)

God of Miracles, on this day we celebrate our Lord, your Son, having been raised from the dead. You sent your Son — both God and human — to earth that we might know you through him. You knew that his message would be received by some and denied by others. Some who would deny him would crucify him, but death could not hold him — even our sins, which he took on could not hold him. On the third day, you raised him from the dead. He is arisen and is seated with you in the heavenly realms to restore your creation to goodness. In thanks for his teachings and his sacrifice, we offer these tithes in his name. Amen.

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