

Scripture Readings – April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday – Little Current UC

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 VU 837

Refrain: Hallelujah! hallelujah!

Let Israel now say:

God’s love endures for ever.” Refrain

God is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation.

There are shouts of joy and deliverance in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of God does mighty things; the right hand of God raises up.

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I shall not die, but live; and I shall proclaim what God has done.

God indeed punished me, but did not give me over to death. Refrain.

Open to me the gates of the temple, that I may enter and give thanks to God.

This is the gate of God; through it the righteous shall enter.

I thank you for you have answered me; you have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God’s doing, marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Refrain.

Matthew 28: 1-10 (NRSV Ue)

The Resurrection of Jesus

28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he^l lay.

⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.

⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

May God’s spirit shape our understanding of these words.

And may they awaken in our hearts

