

# Easter

HE IS RISEN!

THE STORY OF GOSPEL



**<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." <sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; <sup>23</sup> the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success. <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**— Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29(26)**

**<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. <sup>2</sup> Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. <sup>12</sup> How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people <sup>16</sup> O Lord, truly I am your servant...you have freed me from my chains. <sup>17</sup> I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the Lord... Praise the Lord.**

**— Psalms 116:1-2,12-14,15-19**

**<sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.**

**<sup>2</sup> Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

**<sup>3</sup> Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. <sup>4</sup> Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.**

**<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.**

**— Psalms 31:1-4, 15-16**

RESPONSIVE READING, Respond with **BOLD**:

Isaiah 52:13-15 <sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. <sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him-- his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness-- <sup>15</sup> so will he sprinkle many nations...

(Isaiah 53:3-12) <sup>3</sup> **He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

**<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;**

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,

**so he did not open his mouth.**

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. <sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death,

**though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.**

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days,

**and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.**

<sup>11</sup> After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

**For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**



**<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said,  
“I am making everything new!”  
Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are  
trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> ...**

**“It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the Beginning and the End.**

**To him who is thirsty  
I will give to drink without cost from the spring of  
the water of life.**

**<sup>7</sup> He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will  
be his God and he will be my son.**

**— Revelation 21:5-7**