

# 2020 Easter Lectionary: Witnesses to Hope

The Christian faith is one that does not pretend things aren't bad. This is a faith that does not offer platitudes to those who lost children this week to suicide or a tornado. This is not a faith that produces optimism. It is a faith that produces a defiant hope that God is still writing the story and that despite darkness a light shines and that God can redeem our crap and that beauty matters and that despite every disappointing thing we have ever done or that we have ever endured, that there is no hell from which resurrection is impossible.

*Nadia Bolz-Weber, "Sermon on Why Hope and Vapid Optimism Are Not The Same Thing," May 28, 2013 at <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/nadiabolzweber/2013/05/sermon-on-why-hope-and-vapid-optimism-are-not-the-same-thing/>*

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<p><u>April 12</u> <b>Easter Day</b> Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18</p>	<p><u>May 10</u> Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14</p>
<p><u>April 19</u> Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31</p>	<p><u>May 17</u> Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April 26</u></p> <p>Acts 2:14a, 36-41  Psalm 116:1-4,  12-19  1 Peter 1:17-23  Luke 24:13-35</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 24</u></p> <p>Acts 1:6-14  Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  1 Peter 4:12-14;  5:6-11  John 17:1-11</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 3</u></p> <p>Acts:42-47  Psalm 23  1 Peter 2:19-25  John 10:1-10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 31</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Day of Pentecost</i></b></p> <p>Acts 2:1-21  Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  1 Corinthians  12:3b-13  John 7:37-39</p>

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