

SUNDAY 19th APRIL 2026

3rd of Easter

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy
gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen
Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen
life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



1st Reading - Acts 2.14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the
eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,
'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that
God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus
whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they
were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other
apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to
them, 'Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the
name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven;
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the
promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are
far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.'
And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted
them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt
generation.' So those who welcomed his message were
baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were
added to their number.

Psalm - from Psalm 116

I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held. *℟*
Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'
Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion. *℟*
The Lord watches over the simple;
I was brought very low and he saved me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has been gracious to you. *℟*
For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.
I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. *℟*

2nd Reading - 1 Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people
impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent
fear during the time of your exile. You know that you
were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your
ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,
but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb
without defect or blemish. He was destined before the
foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of
the ages for your sake.



I will walk be-fore the Lord in the land of the li - ving.

Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised
him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith
and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified
your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have
genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the
heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of
imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word
of God.

Gospel Reading - Luke 24.13-35

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a
village called Emmaus, about seven miles from
Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these
things that had happened. While they were talking and
discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,
but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he
said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other
while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.
Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered
him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does
not know the things that have taken place there in these
days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied,
'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet
mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,
and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to
be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had
hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and
besides all this, it is now the third day since these things
took place. Moreover, some women of our group
astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,
and when they did not find his body there, they came
back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of
angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who
were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the
women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he
said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of
heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!
Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these
things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning
with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them
the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they
came near the village to which they were going,
he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged
him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost
evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to
stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he
took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised Jesus;
and he vanished from their sight. They said to each
other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he
was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the
scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and
returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and
their companions gathered together. They were saying,
'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to
Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road,
and how he had been made known to them in the
breaking of the bread.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known
to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.