

Collect

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with
boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your
risen life and fill us with your
peace, to the glory of God the
Father.

The first reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When Peter saw this, he said to them, "Men of Israel, why are you surprised? You are looking at us as if it were our own power that made this man walk. Do you think this happened because we are good? No! The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, gave glory to Jesus, his servant. But you gave him up to be killed. Pilate decided to let him go free. But you told Pilate you did not want Jesus. He was pure and good, but you said you did not want him. You told Pilate to give you a murderer instead of Jesus. And so you killed the One who gives life! But God raised him from death. We are witnesses to this. It was the power of Jesus that made this crippled man well. This happened because we trusted in the power of Jesus. You can see this man, and you know him. He was made completely well because of trust in Jesus. You all saw it happen! "Brothers, I know you did those things to Jesus because you did not understand what you were doing. Your leaders did not understand either. God said this would happen. He said through the prophets that his Christ would suffer and die. And now God has made these things come true in this way. So you must change your hearts and

lives! Come back to God, and he will forgive your sins.
This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Second Reading

A reading from Psalm 4

Answer me when I pray to you,
my God who does what is right.
Lift the load that I carry.
Be kind to me and hear my prayer.
People, how long will you turn my
honour into shame?
You love what is false, and you look
for new lies.
You know that the Lord has
chosen for himself those who are
loyal to him. The Lord listens when
I pray to him.
When you are angry, do not sin.
Think about these things quietly
as you go to bed.
Do what is right as a sacrifice to
the Lord. And trust the Lord.
Many people ask, "Who will give us
anything good? Lord, be kind to
us."
But you have made me very happy.
I am happier than they are,
even with all their grain and wine.
I go to bed and sleep in peace.
Lord, only you keep me safe.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel – Luke 24: 36b – 48

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke*

While the eleven and their
companions were talking about
what they had heard, Jesus himself
stood among them and said to
them, 'Peace be with you.' They
were startled and terrified, and

thought that they were seeing a
ghost.

He said to them, 'Why are you
frightened, and why do doubts
arise in your hearts?'

Look at my hands and my feet; see
that it is I myself. Touch me and see;
for a ghost does not have flesh and
bones as you see that I have.' And
when he had said this, he showed
them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were
disbelieving and still wondering, he
said to them, 'Have you anything
here to eat?' They gave him a piece
of broiled fish, and he took it and
ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are
my words that I spoke to you while
I was still with you—that
everything written about me in the
law of Moses, the prophets, and the
psalms must be fulfilled.'

Then he opened their minds to
understand the scriptures, and he
said to them, 'Thus it is written,
that the Messiah is to suffer and to
rise from the dead on the third
day, and that repentance and
forgiveness of sins is to be
proclaimed in his name to all
nations, beginning from
Jerusalem. You are witnesses of
these things.'

Post Communion

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.