

Sunday 19 April 2026 Third Sunday 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.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either Acts 2:14a. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Or Zephaniah 3:14-end

PSALM Psalm 116:1-3. 10-end

R *Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
[our God is full of compassion].*

I love the Lord,
because he has heard the voice of my
supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him. **R**

The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life." **R**

How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for
me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people. **R**

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.
O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your
handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds. **R**

I will offer you the sacrifice of
thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
In the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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. 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.

Or Acts 2:14a. 36-41

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

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

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

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.