

Sunday 14 April 2024 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 read as
either the First or Second Reading.

Either Acts 3:12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Peter addressed the people, "You
Israelites, why do you wonder at this,
or why do you stare at us, as though by
our own power or piety we had made
him walk? The God of Abraham, the
God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the
God of our ancestors has glorified his
servant Jesus, whom you handed over
and rejected in the presence of Pilate,
though he had decided to release him.
But you rejected the Holy and Righteous
One and asked to have a murderer
given to you, and you killed the Author
of life, whom God raised from the dead.
To this we are witnesses. And by faith in
his name, his name itself has made this
man strong, whom you see and know;

and the faith that is through Jesus has
given him this perfect health in the
presence of all of you. And now, friends,
I know that you acted in ignorance, as
did also your rulers. In this way God
fulfilled what he had foretold through
all the prophets, that his Messiah would
suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to
God so that your sins may be wiped
out."

Or Zephaniah 3:14-end

PSALM Psalm 4

*In peace, in peace I will lie down and
sleep.*

Answer me when I call, O God of my
righteousness;
you set me at liberty when I was in
trouble;

have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
How long will you nobles dishonour my
glory;
how long will you love vain things and
seek after falsehood? **R**

But know that the Lord has shown me
his marvellous kindness;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear
me.

Stand in awe, and sin not;
commune with your own heart upon
your bed, and be still. **R**

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many that say, "Who will show
us any good?"



Lord, lift up the light of your
countenance upon us.
You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when their corn and wine and
oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for it is you Lord, only, who make me
dwell in safety. **R**

SECOND READING

Either 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given
us, that we should be called children
of God; and that is what we are. The
reason the world does not know us is
that it did not know him. Beloved, we
are God's children now; what we will be
has not yet been revealed. What we do
know is this: when he is revealed, we will
be like him, for we will see him as he is.
And all who have this hope in him purify
themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone
who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness;
sin is lawlessness. You know that he
was revealed to take away sins, and in
him there is no sin. No one who abides
in him sins; no one who sins has either
seen him or known him. Little children,
let no one deceive you. Everyone who
does what is right is righteous, just as he
is righteous.

Or Acts 3:12-19

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.

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