

Lectionary

You are invited to follow the first two readings while seated, and as is the custom, to just listen, standing if possible, as the Holy Gospel is proclaimed.

Midweek 29th April 2026 Easter 4

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First reading: Acts 12:24-13:5

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But the word of God continued to advance and gain adherents. Then after completing their mission Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem and brought with them John, whose other name was Mark. Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them.

This is the word of the Lord,
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second reading: Psalm 67

1. God be gracious to us and bless us • and make his face to shine upon us,
2. That your way may be known upon earth, • your saving power among all nations.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; • let all the peoples praise you.
4. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, • for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.
5. Let the peoples praise you, O God; • let all the peoples praise you.

6. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, • and God, our own God, will bless us.
7. God will bless us, • and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

This is the word of the Lord,
All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: John 12:44-50

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Then Jesus cried aloud: 'Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

