

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 8th April Easter Week

The Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things
new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus
Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and
the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

First reading: Acts 3:1-10

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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

Second Reading: Psalm 105:1-9

1. O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; • make known his deeds among the peoples.
2. Sing to him, sing praises, • and tell of all his marvellous works.
3. Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; • let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
4. Seek the Lord and his strength; • seek his face continually.
5. Remember the marvels he has done, • his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
6. O seed of Abraham his servant, • O children of Jacob his chosen.
7. He is the Lord our God; • his judgements are in all the earth.
8. He has always been mindful of his covenant, • the promise that he made for a thousand generations:
9. The covenant he made with Abraham, • the oath that he swore to Isaac,

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

Now on that same day two of them 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 recognizing 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?' He 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 him.' 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 recognized him; 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.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have
delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with
him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**