

# 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.