

did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD**

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.

Communion Antiphon

*The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.*

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.

Third Sunday of Easter

Year A

19th April 2026

Today, the Third Sunday of Easter, we listen to the delightful story of the road to Emmaus. Luke is answering the question how we can come to know the Risen Lord today. The disciples were sad and downcast, because their Saviour had been crucified. Jesus comes & walks by their side, although they do not recognise him. Together they reflect on the scriptures... on the God of love, who comes to serve, & who gives his people life through his own suffering & death & then they sit down to break bread together. It is at that moment that their eyes are opened & they recognise the Lord. Their joy is unbounded. They set out at that instant to share their good news with their friends. How important it is for us to gather frequently and to meet the Lord in his Word, and to be nourished on his body & blood and so to leave church sharing our joy and good news!

Entrance Antiphon

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

ACTS 2: 14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst as you yourselves know this Jesus, delivered up

according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

‘For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.’ **THE WORD OF THE LORD**

PSALM: 16(15):1-2, 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11.

Response: *O Lord, you will show me the path of life.*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, ‘You are my Lord.’ O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the LORD before me always; with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my flesh shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your holy one see corruption.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, bliss for ever.

1 PETER 1: 17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. **THE WORD OF THE LORD**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia!

LUKE 24: 13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’ And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’ And he said to them, ‘What things?’ And they said to him, ‘Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even 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 him they