

## First Reading

Read by Harry Burke

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup>He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup>After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup>When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup>While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. <sup>6</sup>The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup>Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. <sup>8</sup>The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' <sup>9</sup>Peter<sup>[a]</sup> went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup>After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup>Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn

**321** Thou art the Christ, O Lord

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia,, **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

You are Peter and on this rock I will build this church.

Alleluia, **alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew

## Glory to You O Lord

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup>And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup>He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter,<sup>[b]</sup> and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

## The Prayers

The prayers are led by Rebecca Newman

***Those for whom prayer has been asked:***

For those on active service in places of danger.

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Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

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The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

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Visitors to The Top Up Shop and Family First

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3. Linda Best, Rosie & John Gray, Gavin, Eileen Becki Cook, Celia

2.Sonia Steggall,, Sam, Debbie Shaves, Jayne Versey,  
1.Alex Bryant.

## Those who have died recently

Pam Neesam

Val Mather

Malcolm Ablit

## We remember the anniversary of death of

Norah Aylett July 1 2005

Kay Lukaszuk July 3 2016

Joseph Marshall Jul 5 2017

## Offertory Hymn;

**497** Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing

## Communion Hymns:

**772** Rock of ages, cleft for me

**762** Praise the one who breaks the darkness

## Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the prophets teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart,

in Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

## Recessional Hymn:

**493** Hope of our calling

***Please remember to pray for the following friends of our Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time***

Vera Emeny, Rita Appleton