

First Reading

Read by Nigel Frost

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ²² You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." ²⁹ Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Read by Bev Frost

A reading from the 1st letter of Peter

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, ⁷ even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen ⁸ him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

206 Jesus is risen, Alleluia

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

Blessed are those who have not seen yet have come to believe.
Alleluia, Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

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

Glorify to You O Lord

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

The Prayers

The prayers are led by

Those for who prayers have been asked:

For those on active service in places of danger

Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

Visitors to the Top Up Shop and Family First

3. Linda Best, Eileen, Becki and Denis Cook, Tanya, Jeanette Budinger, Sue Doe, June Abbott, Mary Mitson-Woods, Louise.
2. Debbie Shaves, Jayne Versey, Gwen Wall, Kara Perrio, John Pickering.
1. Sheila Page, Jats Gosal, Harold Appleton, Margriet Ward

Those who have died recently

Richard Folley
Diane Giddons,
June Chance
Lynda Richings
Marion Lilley

We remember the anniversary of death of

Gerald Marjoram April 13 2020
Marion Sowter April 15 2019
Charles Todd April 18 2011

Offertory Hymn:

209 Love's redeeming work is done.

Communion hymn

204 If Christ had not been raised from death

Communion Anthem

Glory to the Lamb

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Recessional Hymn:

207 Jesus lives! Thy terrors

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, Malcolm Starsmoore