

## First Reading

Read by Derek Harker

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, [ this Jesus whom you crucified.' <sup>37</sup> 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?' <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized 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. <sup>39</sup> 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' <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### Gradual Hymn:

**220** Word that formed creation

### Gospel Acclamation

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

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke  
**Glory to You O Lord**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

<sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> 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?' <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.' <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?' <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup> 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  
**Praise to you O Christ**

### The Prayers

The prayers are led by Frankie Hawkins  
**Those for who prayers have been asked:**

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For those on active service in places of danger

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

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### Those who have died recently

Diane Giddons,  
June Chance  
Marion Lilley  
Beryl Richer

### We remember the anniversary of death of

Muriel Baker April 23 2000  
Frederick Fellingham April 25 1990  
Daphne Stephenson April 25 2016  
Lily Webb April 25 2024

### Offertory Hymn:

**221** Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (omit \* verse)

### Communion hymns

**433** Broken for me, broken for you  
**585** All I once held dear

### Post Communion Prayer

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.

### Recessional Hymn:

**667** I danced in the morning

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,

Sheila Page, Jeanette Budinger,