

## First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
Read by Barry Gasgoyne

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,' <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

## Gradual Hymn:

**107** The sinless one to Jordan came

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

## Glory to You O Lord

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

## The Prayers

The prayers are led by Rebecca Newman

### Those for who prayers have been asked:

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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 Refugees Crisis  
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Visitors to the Top Up Shop and Family First  
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3. Sheila Page, Jats Gosal.
2. Linda Best, Rosie and John Gray, Eileen, Becki Cook, Tanya, Jeanette Budinger, Joan Moon, Sue Doe. Denis Cook, Lindsey Griffiths.
1. Debbie Shaves, Jayne Versey, Doreen Frost. Malcolm Starsmoore.

## Those who have died recently

Russell  
Robin Vickery

## We remember the anniversary of death of

Flo Cook January 11 2007  
Anne Stacey January 14 2019  
Sylvia Harris January 16 2021  
Doreen Gates January 17 1999  
Peggy Bean January 17 2025

## Offertory Hymn:

**337** Source and fount of all creation

## Communion hymns:

**770** Restore in us, O God  
**342** Word of God, renew your people

## Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as  
Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Recessional Hymn:

**569** The kingdom of God is justice and joy

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, Veronica Clarke.