

First Reading

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

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

³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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.

³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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.

⁴³ 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

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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:

For those on active service in places of danger

Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

The Migrant and Refugees Crisis

Visitors to the Top Up Shop and Family First

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.