

## First Reading

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

<sup>55</sup> But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

### Today's Hymns/Songs

**291** - Christ is made a sure foundation  
Part 2/3 verses 5,7,8 and Doxology

**365** - Let us build a house

### Words in service booklet

Here and now we're bound together

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

*I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to John  
**Glorify to You O Lord**

**14** 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.' <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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:**

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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 Refugee Crisis

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Visitors to the Top Up Shop and Family First

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3. Linda Best, Eileen, Becki and Denis Cook, Tanya, Sue Doe, Mary Mitson-Woods, Louise.
2. Debbie Shaves, Jayne Versey, Gwen Wall, John Pickering. Revd Mary.
1. Jats Gosal, Margriet Ward, Julie Lawrence

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### Those who have died recently

June Chance

Beryl Richer

Roy Farrow

Douglas Cattermole

### We remember the anniversary of death of

Rod Kemp May 4 2012

Leslie Neesam May 4 2023

Dennis Manning May 8 2009

### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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,