

First Reading

Read by

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God.

² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?”

⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,

⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision.

There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me.

⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.

⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’

⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’

¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.

These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house.

¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying,

‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;

¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’

¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’

¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”

¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced.

And they praised God, saying,

“Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

203, *Come Christians all, rejoice and sing*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:

Love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

During the supper when Judas had gone out, Jesus said,

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified,

and God has been glorified in him.

³² If God has been glorified in him,

God will also glorify him in himself

and will glorify him at once.

³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer.

You will look for me,

and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you,

‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’

³⁴ I give you a new commandment,

that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you,

you also should love one another.

³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Glory to You O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

The Prayers

The prayers are led by Doreen Powell

Those for whom prayer has 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 Sonia Steggall, Sam, Debbie Shaves, Ervenette Harbord,

2 Gill Earey, Sheila Brooks

3 Linda Best, Rosie & John Gray, Gavin, Val Mather, Eileen

Those who have died recently

Mike Hall

Michael Chance

Lesley Horrocks

Jim Flemming,

We remember the anniversary of death of

William Girling

18 May 1989

Herbert Harvey

18n May 2008

Ken Frost

21 May 2016

Tom Wall

22 May 2012

Offertory Hymn;

198:- *At the Lambs high feast we sing*

Communion Hymns:

472: *You are the vines, we are the branches*

Anthem: *My heart is filled with gladness*

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.

Recessional Hymn

710: omit* *Light’s abode, celestial Salem*

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