

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

EASTER 3 (YEAR B)

## COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 3.12–19*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name – by faith in his name – has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 4*



**R.** Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (*All repeat*)



Answer me | when I call,  
O God defender | of my cause;  
you set me free when I | was hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and | hear my prayer. **R.**

Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;  
when I call upon the Lord, | he will hear me.  
Tremble then, and | do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence up-|on your bed. **R.**

Offer the appointed | sacrifices  
and put your trust | in the Lord.  
Many say, ‘O that we might see | better times!’  
Lift up the light of your face on | us O Lord. **R.**

You have put gladness | in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.  
I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;  
for you alone make me | dwell in safety. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Jn 3.1–7*

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practises lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No-one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no-one who keeps

on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no-one deceive you. Whoever practises righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*cf Lk 24.32*

*Alleluia.*

Unfold the scriptures to us, O Lord:  
make our hearts burn within us as you speak.

*Alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING

*Lk 24.36-48*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marvelling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, Lord, the gifts your Church offers to you in her rejoicing, and grant that the great joy you have given us may be crowned with eternal happiness in heaven; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**