

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

15th April 2018

## First Reading

**Acts 3:12-19**

### **The Acts of The Apostles**

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup> "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm: 4

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

<sup>3</sup> But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself:  
the Lord hears when I call to him.

<sup>4</sup> When you are disturbed, do not sin:

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

<sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices:  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> There are many who say, “O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!”

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart:  
more than when their grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup> I will both lie down and sleep in peace:  
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

## **Second Reading**

***1 John 3 1-7***

### **The First General Epistle of John**

**3** <sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel**

***Luke 24.36b-48***

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see

that I have.” 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate in their presence. 44 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Sentence**

Turn to god so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 3.19-20

### **Prayer of the day**

Lord of life,  
by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;  
by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you;  
by being raised from the dead,  
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:  
be with us in your risen power,  
that in word and deed we may proclaim  
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.  
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

### **Supplementary Readings**

Ezekiel 37.15 -28    Revelation 19.4-10    Revelation 4.11;5.9b-10

### **Prayer Response**

O God our defender,  
**answer us when we call.**

# Jesus Appears to the Disciples

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While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke 24:36 (NIV)



The words in this activity are found in Luke 24:36-48

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A dead person appearing in a bodily form  
— A.eat B.ghost C.fish D.rise
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to handle or feel something with your fingers  
— A.suffer B.touch C.doubt D.bones
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The soft outer parts of the body; skin  
— A.ghost B.touch C.flesh D.bones
4. \_\_\_\_\_ To take in food through the mouth  
— A.bones B.eat C.fish D.touch
5. \_\_\_\_\_ To return from death  
— A.bones B.rise C.eat D.flesh
6. \_\_\_\_\_ What the skeleton is made of  
— A.touch B.bones C.doubt D.flesh
7. \_\_\_\_\_ To feel pain  
— A.ghost B.touch C.flesh D.suffer
8. \_\_\_\_\_ An animal that lives in the water  
— A.doubt B.ghost C.fish D.touch
9. \_\_\_\_\_ To be unsure about something.  
— A.fish B.suffer C.doubt D.touch
10. \_\_\_\_\_ A dead person appearing in a bodily form  
— A.ghost B.bones C.doubt D.suffer