

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020** (*Easter 3*)  
**Collect and Readings**

**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**

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice  
and addressed them...

<sup>36</sup> 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has  
made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and  
Messiah.'

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart  
and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what  
shall we do?'

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of  
you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your  
sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The  
promise is for you and your children and for all who are far  
off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he  
pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt  
generation.' <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were  
baptised, and about three thousand were added to their  
number that day.

## Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognising him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

<sup>19</sup> 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he

explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.