

# Third Sunday of Easter A

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost,  
Peter, standing with the eleven,  
raised his voice and addressed the crowd,  
"People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem,  
let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.  
Jesus of Nazareth,  
a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs  
that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-  
this man, handed over to you  
according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,  
you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.  
"But God raised him up, having freed him from death,  
because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.  
For David says concerning him,  
'I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

*or*

**R. Alleluia.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

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O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,  
and the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

### **Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21**

A reading from the first letter of Peter

If you invoke as Father  
the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds,  
live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

You know that you were ransomed  
from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors,  
not with perishable things like silver or gold,  
but with the precious blood of Christ,  
like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

Christ was destined before the foundation of the world,  
but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

Through him you have come to trust in God,  
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation cf Luke 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel Luke 24:13-35**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

On the first day of the week,  
two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus,  
about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem,  
and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.  
While they were talking and discussing,  
Jesus himself came near and went with them,  
but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And Jesus said to them,  
"What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

"Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem  
who does not know the things  
that have taken place there in these days?"

Jesus asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word  
before God and all the people,  
and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over  
to be condemned to death and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this,

it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us.

They were at the tomb early this morning,  
and when they did not find his body there,  
they came back

and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels  
who said that Jesus was alive.

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb  
and found it just as the women had said;  
but they did not see Jesus."

Then Jesus said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are,  
and how slow of heart  
to believe all that the prophets have declared!

Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,  
Jesus interpreted to them  
the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going,  
Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on.

But they urged him strongly, saying,  
"Stay with us, because it is almost evening  
and the day is now nearly over."

So Jesus went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them,  
he took bread, blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus;  
and he vanished from their sight.

The two disciples said to each other,  
"Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he was talking to us on the road,  
while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem;  
and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

These were saying,

"The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

Then the two disciples told what had happened on the road,  
and how the Lord had been made known to them  
in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**