

Sunday, April 19th, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter (White)

First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS (2:14A, 36-41)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER (1:17-23)

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. He 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. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE (24:13-35)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles 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 he 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?" He 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 he 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 him." Then he 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, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he 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 he 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 him; and he vanished from their sight. They 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. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Hymns

Open : CP 9 **Today I Awake**

Tune : Slithers of Gold Text : J. Bell (c) 1989 WGRG The Iona Community /GIA

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Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, he summoned the day;
For God never sleeps but patterns the morning
With slithers of gold or glory in gray.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
To hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me
At worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
From fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
Above and beneath, before and behind;
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together'
They called me to life and call me their friend

Gradual : CP 482 **Come and Journey with a Saviour** v1,2 /3

Tune : Beach Spring Text : H. O'Driscoll

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Come and journey with a Saviour
Who has called us from our birth,
Who has washed us in the waters,
And who loved us on the earth.

Come and journey, come and journey
With a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters.
In the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey journey inward,
Come and seek him deep within,
Where he meets us in our living,
In our striving and our sin.

Come and journey, come and journey
With a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters.
In the Spirit we are one

---gospel---

Come and journey, journey outward,
Telling others of his name.
Telling others of his glory,
Of his cross and of the shame.

Come and journey, come and journey
With a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters.
In the Spirit we are one.

Offertory : **Let Us Break Bread Together**

Traditional African - American

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me

Let us drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me

Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me

Close : CP 500 **Sister Let Me Be Your Servant** v1,2,6

R. Gillard (c) 1977 Scripture in Song (Integrity Music)

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Sister let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey
Fellow travellers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

Brother let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you

Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

