

# Readings at Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

## 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, lifted up his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judæa and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst - as you yourselves know - this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.*

*For David says, concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."*

Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 16(15). 1-2A, 5, 7-8, 9-10 11; R. V. 11A

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

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord.'

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

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

I keep the Lord before me always;

with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R.**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my flesh shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
nor let your holy one see corruption. **R.**

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

## SECOND READING

I PETER 1.17-21

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter

*Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; / make our hearts  
burn within us when you speak to us. **R.**

## GOSPEL

LUKE 24.13-35

*'He was known to them in the breaking of the bread'*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*The numbers of this evening's Entrance and Offertory  
hymns are displayed on the boards on the pillars*