

**Sunday 14th April
2024
Easter 3**

THE COLLECT

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with
boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim
your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the
Father.

FIRST READING

Acts 3.12-19

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? ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ But you
rejected the Holy and
Righteous One and asked to
have a murderer given to
you, ¹⁵ and you killed the
Author of life, whom God
raised from the dead. To this

we are witnesses. ¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ 'And now, friends, I know
that you acted in ignorance,
as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In
this way God fulfilled what he
had foretold through all the
prophets, that his
Messiah would
suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore,
and turn to God so that your
sins may be wiped out,

SECOND READING

1 John 3.1-7

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. ² 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. ³ And all who
have this hope in him purify
themselves, just as he is
pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin
is guilty of lawlessness; sin is
lawlessness. ⁵ You know that
he was revealed to take away
sins, and in him there is no
sin. ⁶ No one who abides in
him sins; no one who sins has
either seen him or known
him. ⁷ Little children, let no
one deceive you. Everyone
who does what is right is
righteous, just as he is
righteous.

GOSPEL

Luke 24.36b-48

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.

PSALM 4

¹ 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.

² How long, you people, shall
my honour suffer shame?

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

Selah

³ But know that the LORD has

set apart the faithful for
himself;

the LORD hears when I call
to him.

⁴ When you are disturbed, do
not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and
be silent. *Selah*

⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in
the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, 'O
that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face
shine on us, O LORD!

⁷ You have put gladness in
my heart

more than when their grain
and wine abound.

⁸ I will both lie down and
sleep in peace;

for you alone, O LORD,
make me lie down in safety.

POST COMMUNION

PRAYER

Living God,
your Son made himself
known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his
redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.