

**Sentence of Scripture**

Repent, and be baptised 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.

Acts 2.38–39

**Prayer of the day**

O 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 his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings**

**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 the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”  
<sup>37</sup> 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?” <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. (NRSV)

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116:1–4, 11–18**

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:

**the voice of my supplication;**

<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me:

**in the day that I called to him.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death encompassed me, the snares of the grave took hold on me:

**I was in anguish and sorrow.**

<sup>4</sup> Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

**'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me!'**

<sup>11</sup> How shall I repay the Lord:

**for all his benefits to me?**

<sup>12</sup> I will take up the cup of salvation:

**and call upon the name of the Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord:

**in the presence of all his people.**

<sup>14</sup> Grievous in the sight of the Lord:

**is the death of his faithful ones.**

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid:

**you have unloosed my bonds.**

<sup>16</sup> I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
**and call upon the name of the Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
**in the presence of all his people,**

<sup>18</sup> In the courts of the house of the Lord:  
**even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

### **1 Peter 1:13–25**

<sup>13</sup> Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. <sup>14</sup> Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance.

<sup>15</sup> Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct;  
<sup>16</sup> for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever.” That word is the good news that was announced to you. (NRSV)

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### **Matthew 28:8–15**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

<sup>11</sup> While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. <sup>12</sup> After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup> telling them, “You must say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ <sup>14</sup> If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” <sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day. (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**