

EASTER SUNDAY

Readings

First Reading

Acts 10.34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Colossians 3.1-4

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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Prayers of Intercession

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, Light of the World,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations,
and be with the suffering people of Yemen and Ukraine:
Out of the horror of war, help them and all nations
to see the way towards justice and reconciliation.

All
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Bread of Life,
give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word:
Deepen our faith and give us a heart of compassion.
We pray for families facing hardship, for the work of foodbanks,
and all who strive to sustain the wellbeing of people in need.

All
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
inspire all who minister in your name:
Bless our Cathedral and our diocese,
all our parishes and chaplaincies.
Bless our bishops David and Mark,
and those who work with them.
Renew our courage to serve you,
to proclaim the Good News
and to promote the kingdom of your love.

All
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Gate of the Sheepfold,
bring healing to all who journey through trouble,
sadness or pain.
We bring to you those whom we name before you now.

a short pause is held for prayer

All
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life,
we thank you for the countless numbers
who have lived and believed in you:
Raise us with them to full and eternal life.

All
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
**in your mercy, hear us,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**