

## Readings April 19, 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

### First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

(Jesus: Lord and Messiah)

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 116:12-19

<sup>12</sup> What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,**

<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**  
(ransomed by the blood of Jesus)

<sup>17</sup> And 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, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding 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 remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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