

April 12, 2026

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from the 2nd Chapter of Acts.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say:

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God

with deeds of power, wonders, and signs

that God did through him among you,

as you yourselves know

this man, handed over to you

according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,

you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

But God raised him up,

having released him from the agony of death,

because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites,

I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David

that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Since he was a prophet,

he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him

that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the 1st Chapter of 1st Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth

into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,

kept in heaven for you,

who are being protected by the power of God

through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice,

even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,

so that the genuineness of your faith—

being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—

may be found to result in praise and glory and honor

when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him,

and even though you do not see him now,

you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

for you are receiving the outcome of your faith,

the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**