

**Sunday 11 April 2027**  
*Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)*

**First Reading - Acts 10.9-23**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

At about midday,  
Peter went up on the roof  
to pray.  
He became hungry,  
and while a meal  
was being prepared,  
he fell into a trance.  
He saw the heavens opened,  
and something like  
a large sheet  
coming down,  
being lowered  
to the ground  
by its four corners.  
In the sheet, there were all kinds of  
animals, reptiles, and birds.  
Then he heard a voice, saying, 'Peter, get up.  
Kill, and eat.'  
But Peter said, 'Surely not, Lord; for I have  
never eaten  
anything  
profane, or unclean.'  
The voice replied, 'Whatever God declares clean,  
you should not call profane.'  
This happened three times;  
then the vision  
was suddenly  
taken back up  
into heaven.  
Peter was still wondering what this could mean,  
when three men arrived, having been sent  
by the centurion, Cornelius.  
The three men were standing by the gate,  
asking whether Simon Peter was staying there.  
Peter was still thinking about the vision,  
but the Spirit said to him, 'These men  
are searching for you.  
You are to go with them, without hesitation,  
for I have sent them to you.'  
So Peter went down to meet them,  
saying, 'I am Simon Peter. What brings you here?'  
They answered, 'The centurion Cornelius  
is a righteous man, who honours God,  
and is respected  
by the whole Hebrew nation.  
He was directed,  
by a vision of an angel,  
to summon you to his house,  
to hear what you have to say.'  
So Peter invited them in,  
and gave them lodging for the night;  
and the next day, Peter,  
and a small  
group of believers,  
set off with them,  
towards the house of Cornelius.  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Second Reading - 1 John 1.6-9**

A reading from the first letter of John.

We cannot say  
that we have fellowship with God  
if we are walking in darkness.  
But if we walk in the light,  
we have fellowship with God,  
and with one another.  
And the sacrifice of Jesus  
cleanses us  
from all our transgressions.  
If we say  
that we have  
done no wrong,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is far from us.  
But if we confess,  
God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive us,  
and cleanse us  
from all unrighteousness.  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Gospel - Luke 24.36-48**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

The gathered disciples  
were talking about all  
that they had heard and seen,  
when Jesus himself  
stood amongst them,  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
They were astonished, and feared  
that they were seeing a ghost.  
Jesus said to them, 'Why are you afraid,  
and why is there doubt in your hearts?  
Look at my hands and my feet -  
touch, and see -  
for a ghost does not have flesh and bones  
as you see that I have.'  
Overwhelmed by joy and amazement,  
the disciples were hardly able to believe  
that Jesus himself  
was standing amongst them.  
Jesus said, 'Do you have anything here to eat?'  
They gave him a piece of fish,  
and he took it, and ate in their presence.  
Then he said to them, 'Everything  
that is written about me,  
in the law of Moses, in the prophets,  
and in the psalms, must be fulfilled.'  
And he opened their minds  
to understand the scriptures, where it is written  
that the Messiah is to suffer,  
and to rise from the dead  
on the third day;  
and that repentance, and forgiveness,  
will be proclaimed, in his name,  
to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.  
And he said to them, 'You are witnesses  
to these things.'  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.