

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: **Psalm 118, responding by half verse:**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord;
they who are righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People *** (9am ONLY) ***:

Intercessor: Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. The Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad, saying: “You are our God; **and we thank you.**” *Silence.*

Almighty God, you have given your Church the ministry of reconciliation; grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith. *Silence.*

You are our God;
And we thank you.

Ruler of the kings of earth, Lord Jesus, your word is a word of peace: speak forth salvation in a weary world. *Silence.*

You are our God;
And we thank you.

All you do, O Lord, is marvelous in our eyes; give us a respect for all you have made.
Silence; during which the People add their thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

You are our God;
And we thank you.

Mighty Savior, raise up faithful witnesses in our community, that our neighbors might come to know that you love them and have freed them from the power of sin. *Silence.*

You are our God;
And we thank you.

O Lord, you are good; your mercy endures forever: be the strength of the weak, and song of those who mourn.
Silence; during which the People add their petitions, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.