

*First Reader:* **A READING FROM ACTS**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader:*           The Word of the Lord.

*People:*           **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader:* **Responding by half verse:**

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD:  
**“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
**in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD  
**is the death of his servants.**
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant;  
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
**in the presence of all his people,**
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house,  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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## ***Prayers of the People:***

Beloved siblings in Christ, peace be with you. Let us pray to our merciful Lord, saying, “Our Lord and our God, **have mercy on us.**”

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given your Church the gift of your Holy Spirit. May that same Spirit comfort and strengthen us as we proclaim your resurrection to the world.

*Silence*

Our Lord and our God, **have mercy on us.**

God of wisdom, teach and counsel the leaders of the nations. May this world be filled with justice and peace.

*Silence*

Our Lord and our God, **have mercy on us.**

God our provider, you have given us this earth as a goodly heritage. May we use its resources wisely and always according to your purpose.

*The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Our Lord and our God, **have mercy on us.**

All-knowing God, raise up for this community people who will stand and voice your truth. May we be led by you on good paths of life.

*Silence*

Our Lord and our God, **have mercy on us.**

Merciful God, you are a strong refuge for those in trouble. Protect all those who suffer various trials. Reveal yourself to those who struggle to believe in you. Make all your people glad by the living hope that is found in you.

*The congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Our Lord and our God, **have mercy on us.**

God of life, may the dying and the dead rest in hope. Give us faith that you do not abandon anyone—even to the grave. And preserve us for the great inheritance you give us through the resurrection of your Son from the dead.

*Silence*

Our Lord and our God, **have mercy on us.**

*The Celebrant concludes, adding a Collect.*