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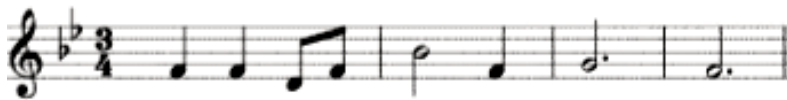
Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

FIRST READING ACTS 2.14a, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, 14 Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 36 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' 37 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?' 38 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. 39 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.' 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**



Gra-cious is the Lord and right- teous.

PSALM Psalm 116:1-3. 10-17

R: Gracious is the Lord and righteous

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him. The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

R Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul." How shall I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me? **R** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants. **R** O Lord, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. **R** I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1.17-23

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

17 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. 18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 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. 22 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. 23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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GOSPEL Luke 24.13-35

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

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

13 On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' 19 Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' 25 Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST**

POST COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**





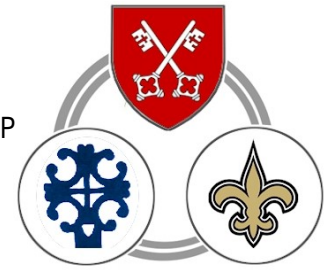
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Welcome to church on this 3rd Sunday of Eastertide 2017

Worship in the Benefice today **3rd Sunday of Easter**

0830 **Souldrop** Holy Communion BCP

0930 **Sharnbrook Parish Communion** -First Communions & Baptisms

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion - Rev Vicky

1300 **Sharnbrook** Holy Baptism

1800 **Sharnbrook** Taize Service—LLW Andrea

Monday—Feast of Ss Philip & James

1145 Messy Church

1400 St Peters Guild

1930 House Communion for the feast day at the Rectory followed by drinks & nibbles to keep the feast

2000 Meditation Group in SPR

Tuesday—Lesser Festival- Athanasius, 373

0930 **Holy Communion** (CW) at Felmersham

Wednesday—feria

0930 **Holy Communion** BCP 5th Wed at Sharnbrook

1930 Sharnbrook Benefice Pastoral Planning meeting in SPR

Thursday—English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

Friday—feria

Saturday—feria

1400-1600 Felmersham 800th Anniv planning meeting

Next Sunday—**4th Sunday of Easter**

0930 **Sharnbrook** Parish Communion

1100 **Felmersham** Parish Communion

1500 **Souldrop** Parish Communion

1800 **Sharnbrook** Benefice Evensong—Rector



Christian Meditation Group meets on Mondays at 8pm in St Peter's Room—all welcome!



The flowers in St Peter's today are from the Caitlin family after the Blessing of Richard & Esther's Wedding on Saturday

Intercessions

The sick and in need: Marjorie, Ron, Connie, Paul, Pat, Rex, Betty, Martin, Connie

The Departed: Irene Hamilton

Send the names of people who have asked to be remembered in our parish intercessions to the Rector

Pray for Sharnbrook parish as we look for two people to be churchwardens for the coming year

Pray for the St Peters appeal for support to the whole parish—may we receive the financial help necessary through generous donations

Pray for the children being baptised today

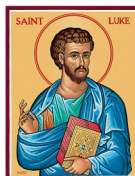
Pray for the preparations for the general election.



LAUNDE Abbey retreat programmes available—let's go to the ADVENT Retreat Tues 21 Nov—Fri 24 Nov 2017 £245 plus travel—Pick up a leaflet in Church for details.

Book your own place and add your name to the lists in church and then as we have final numbers we can organize our transport in cars or minibus.

Please Add you name to the list in church so we know who has decided to sign up.



ONE JESUS—a day with St Luke's Gospel

Saturday 20 May 0930 to 1700 in St Peter's Teaching, prayer, bible reading, silence, encounter with God £15 incl breakfast lunch and tea pick up a leaflet in church

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Items for inclusion should be sent to sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com by 0900 on Wednesdays.

Today First Communion &

Baptism celebrations today we celebrate the baptisms of Rose and Charley at 9:30am and Rupert at 1pm and Nathan, Keeley, Caitlin, Sophia, Rose & Charley taking their first communion. The youngsters have followed the Diocesan formation programme. We welcome them to Christ's altar and into the sacramental like of his church.

We pray for these young people that they may continue to seek the Lord all the days of their lives and may receive his blessing.



To make arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc. please contact the Rector

Sponsorship: in prayer for those who are taking their first communion today & being baptised

If you would like to sponsor this sheet please send you £5 donation to The Rectory along with details of the sponsorship (even if anonymous)