Then Peter began to speak to them: “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 Je-sus 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 witnes-
ses to all that he did both in Ju-de-a and in Je-ru-sa-lem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to ap-pear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chos-en by God as wit-nes-ses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the liv-ing and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that ev-’ry-one who be-lieves in him re-ceives for-give-ness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord. ☩ Thanks be to God. or Thanks be to God. or both monotoned

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