

OPENING PRAYER

+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen
Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The two who encountered Jesus, were overwhelmed with emotion at Jesus' resurrection. He is indeed alive! Jesus consistently greets those He meets with "Peace be with you" along with the gift of forgiveness. Could we use the same approach when we reach out to others? As Jesus opened their minds, how can we open ours? How can we do the same for others?

Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

St. Peter addresses his fellow Jews who marvel at the healing of the lame man. While those believed it was done by their own power, St. Peter emphasizes the work is done by God. How do you approach those who act out of ignorance in their faith?

Notes

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Knowing we are encouraged not to sin, yet if we do, Christ remains our advocate, do you think this is enough to keep sin at bay? How can we maintain the bond of knowing God and keeping His commandments?

Feast days this week

SUNDAY 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MONDAY 15 EASTER WEEKDAY

TUESDAY 16 EASTER WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY 17 EASTER WEEKDAY

THURSDAY 18 EASTER WEEKDAY

FRIDAY 19 EASTER WEEKDAY

SATURDAY 20 EASTER WEEKDAY

reflect

As Jesus commissioned his disciples to be witnesses, do I allow the celebration of the Eucharist to commission me?

pray

Father God, help me your faithful witness.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen

live

Live in such a way that others know Christ lives in you.