

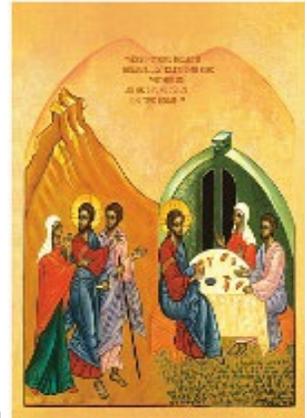
LIVING FAITH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Luke 24:35-48



Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you. They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

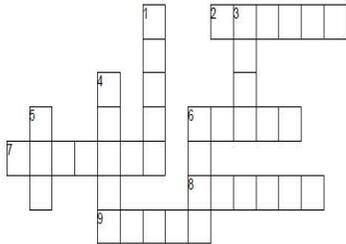
"You are witnesses to these things." In this past year of pandemic, there have been signs of the presence of the Risen Jesus all around us; we have been witnesses to this. In the midst of despair, there have been beautiful moments of hope. We have witnessed the outpouring of kindness in the most unexpected places. We have seen how essential workers have become our lifelines, making it possible for us to buy food to feed our families, keeping our hospitals and long-term care homes clean. Did we realize that in these simple, yet very profound experiences, the Risen Jesus was present among us?

PONDER AND DISCUSS

- What does it mean to be "a witness"?
- Who has been a witness to Jesus in your life?
- How are you a witness to Jesus?
- Where and when have you met the Risen Jesus?



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. To deliver a sermon
- 6. The soft outer parts of the body; skin
- 7. Countries; territories where groups of people live
- 8. To feel pain
- 9. to handle or feel something with your fingers

DOWN

- 1. What the skeleton is made of
- 3. To return from death
- 4. A dead person appearing in a bodily form
- 5. To take in food through the mouth
- 6. An animal that lives in the water

RISE	NATIONS	FISH	SUFFER	BONES
TOUCH	EAT	FLESH	PREACH	GHOST



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Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

Luke 24:36-48

Word Search Puzzle

E Z X V O Z D G I C Z K H X S
 H Y G L B J E P C Z S G G X T
 E P H H P E A C E B U U K B Y
 S K O K R G D P I F F K T O U
 Z K S I P R E A C H F A X N Q
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BONES	HANDS	PEACE	SUFFER
DEAD	NATIONS	PREACH	FLESH
GHOST	FEET	RISE	DOUBTS

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THE CHURCH TEACHES

Jesus always fed his followers. Remember the story of the feeding of the 5000, sometimes called “the multiplication of the loaves and fishes”?

After His Resurrection, as before, Jesus continued to share meals with his followers, and to feed them.

How does Jesus feed us today?

Jesus feeds us by giving us people who love us, support us, challenge us and call us to be disciples. *How does Jesus feed you through others?*



Jesus feeds us through His Word, which we hear proclaimed every Sunday at Mass. *What Scripture passages give you hope or consolation, or challenge you?*



Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, in His Body and Blood. He is truly present in the Eucharist.



Jesus feeds us by giving us the gifts of nature, to feed our bodies and nourish our souls.



Jesus calls us to feed one another, to be His hands and feet in the world today. *How are you food for others?*

How does Jesus feed you?

THE POST-RESURRECTION APPEARANCES OF JESUS



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Three of the four Gospels give us accounts of more than half a dozen appearances of Jesus after his resurrection. All the Gospels except for Luke tell about Jesus appearing to the women on Easter morning. Luke, on the other hand, tells about Jesus' appearance with two disciples on the road to Emmaus. John describes two appearances, one to the disciples when Thomas was absent, and another when Thomas was present. Mark tells about Jesus appearing to the Eleven as they sat at table, and John describes the appearance of Jesus to the disciples at the Sea of Galilee. Jesus' final appearance includes the commissioning of the disciples in Matthew and the ascension in Mark and Luke. Through these accounts, which we hear proclaimed in the Gospels and the readings from the Acts of the Apostles throughout the Season of Easter, we enter into the experience of the early Church as they recognize that Jesus is truly risen, He "has been raised" but "is not here."

- John 20:19-31: Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.
- Luke 24:13-35: Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.
- Luke 24:35-48: Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.
- Matthew 28:16-20: Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

How is the Risen Jesus present to us today?

The risen Jesus is present to us in and through the Eucharist.

The Risen Jesus is also present in and through His Body, the Church.

How have you experienced the Risen Jesus alive and active?

How have you been that presence of the Risen Jesus for somebody else?