

April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter (B)



FIRST READING
Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter told the people:

“The God that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and our other ancestors worshiped
has brought honor to his Servant Jesus.

He is the one you betrayed.

You turned against him when he was being tried by Pilate,
even though Pilate wanted to set him free.

“You rejected Jesus,
who was holy and good.

You asked for a murderer to be set free,
and you killed the one who leads people to life.

But God raised him from death,
and all of us can tell you what he has done.

“My friends,
I am sure that you and your leaders
didn’t know what you were doing.
But God had his prophets tell that his Messiah would suffer,
and now he has kept that promise.

So turn to God!

Give up your sins, and you will be forgiven.”

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 4:1ab &
1ef, 3, 6cd-7a*

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

You are my God and protector.
Please answer my prayer.
Now have pity and listen as I pray.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

The LORD has chosen
everyone who is faithful
to be his very own,
and he answers my prayers.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Let your kindness, LORD,
shine brightly on us.
You brought me happiness.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

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GOSPEL
Luke 24:35–48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples from Emmaus told what happened on the road
and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread.

While Jesus' disciples were talking about what had happened,
Jesus appeared to them and said,
"May God give you peace!"
They were frightened and terrified
because they thought they were seeing a ghost.

But Jesus said, "Why are you so frightened?
Why do you doubt?
Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am!
Touch me and find out for yourselves.
Ghosts don't have flesh and bones as you see I have."

After Jesus said this,
he showed them his hands and his feet.
The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it.

Jesus then asked them, "Do you have something to eat?"
They gave him a piece of baked fish.
He took it and ate it as they watched.

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(continued)

Jesus said to them,
“While I was still with you,
I told you that everything written about me
in the Law of Moses, the Books of the Prophets,
and in the Psalms had to happen.”

Then he helped them understand the Scriptures.

He told them:

“The Scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer,
then three days later he will rise from death.

They also say that all people of every nation
must be told in my name to turn to God,
in order to be forgiven.

So beginning in Jerusalem,
you must tell everything that has happened.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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