

# Third Sunday of Easter B

18 April 2021

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

At the temple gate, Peter addressed the people:

"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

"But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

"Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9

**R.** Lord, let your face shine on us.

*or*

**R.** Alleluia.

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me a room when I was in distress;  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer! **R.**

But know that the Lord has set us apart  
The faithful for himself;  
the Lord hears me when I call to him. **R.**

There are many who say,  
"O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!" **R.**

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O Lord,  
make me lie down in safety. **R.**

## **Second Reading**

1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of John

My little children,  
I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.  
But if anyone does sin,  
we have an advocate with the Father;  
Jesus Christ the righteous;  
and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,  
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now by this we may be sure that we know him,  
if we obey his commandments.

Whoever says, "I have come to know him,"  
but does not obey his commandments, is a liar,  
and in such a person the truth does not exist;  
but whoever obeys his word,  
truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection.  
By this we may be sure that we are in him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

cf Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke  
The two disciples told the eleven and their companions  
what had happened on the road to Emmaus,  
and how Jesus had been made known to them  
in the breaking of the bread.

While they were talking about this,  
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."  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**