

Wednesday April 10th for the Third Sunday of Easter

OPENING PRAYER: Holy Spirit, we thank you for gathering us together to share your Word. Fill us with the same fervor that empowered Peter to proclaim Jesus and his message. Just as you opened the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, open our eyes to recognize your holy presence in our midst. Amen.

- In the words of Saint Benedict, “Listen with the ears of your heart.”
- Please note a word, phrase, or verse that seemed to really catch your notice.
- A volunteer slowly read aloud today’s passage Afterwards, we have a few minutes of silent reflection.

READING OF THE ASSIGNED GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Luke 24:35-48

35 Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

36* While they were still speaking about this,^l he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”^s

37 But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.^l

38 Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?”

39* 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.”

40^u And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

42 They gave him a piece of baked fish;^v

43 he took it and ate it in front of them.

44 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.”^w

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.^x

46* And he said to them,^y “Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day

47 and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.^z

48 You are witnesses of these things.^a

Notes

* [[24:36–43](#), [44–49](#)] The Gospel of Luke, like each of the other gospels ([Mt 28:16–20](#); [Mk 16:14–15](#); [Jn 20:19–23](#)), focuses on an important appearance of Jesus to the Twelve in which they are commissioned for their future ministry. As in [Lk 24:6](#), [12](#), so in [Lk 24:36](#), [40](#) there are omissions in the Western text.

* [[24:39–42](#)] The apologetic purpose of this story is evident in the concern with the physical details and the report that Jesus ate food.

* [[24:46](#)] See note on [Lk 24:26](#).

* [[24:49](#)] The promise of my Father: i.e., the gift of the holy Spirit.

QUESTIONS FOR SHARING

1. Even though the two disciples had just seen Jesus in the Emmaus event, they had no idea who he was when he appeared to them very shortly after that. What are we to make of that?
2. In the Gospel, Jesus offers the Apostles the gift of peace. How can you be an instrument of peace in your environment?
3. When are you most at peace? How can you bring peace to others?
4. Name one thing today’s Gospel says to us that we disciples of Jesus need to heed/act on.

Commentary

This Gospel follows on the heels of the famous Emmaus story during which the two disciples experience Jesus in the breaking of the bread. As the two disciples describe their fascinating encounter with Jesus, he suddenly reappears to them. But they are scared and have no idea who he is. They think he is a ghost. Jesus tries to bring them to faith by appealing to their “sense of touch”: “Look at my hands and feet,” and to their reason: “Ghosts have no flesh.” Jesus opens their minds to their own writings in the law, the prophets and psalms, and how all of these point to his coming. Then the disciples are commissioned to go forth and be his witnesses: “Penance and remission of sins must be preached to all nations.”

IS THERE A CAUSE FOR GRATITUDE THIS WEEK?

IS THERE A PRAYER REQUEST YOU HAVE?

CLOSING PRAYER - The Lord’s Prayer

Bible Sharing Room 5 and Zoom

Wednesday, April 10 6:30 – 7:30pm

Weekly on Wednesday

Zoom Meeting

Description: Blessed Sacrament is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Blessed Sacrament's Zoom Meeting

Time: April 10, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZolduisqDosE923wHRoszXqNBSkCL57ORPg/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhpjorHtKTthCORpx5Goj4d-jwpiFdj_oPzwjNMS9AeDvnGMBxOZFTRY

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