

GOSPEL

Lk 24: 35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them: 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

14 APRIL 2024

YOU ARE WITNESSES

What was it like in the aftermath of Jesus' death and the joy of the good news of the resurrection? As we hear more accounts and reflections on the resurrection in today's readings, we also understand something of the dilemma of the early witnesses as to how to pass on this experience.

Luke is writing the Gospel and Acts at least 40-50 years after Jesus' resurrection. There are no photographs, no hard evidence, only the testimonies of those who were there.

Today's Gospel opens with the returnees from Emmaus telling their story and then Jesus appearing among them. The Gospel ends reminding the audience 'you are witnesses' (v. 48). It is not only to the first century audience that this is addressed. We too are witnesses. This is the term we find in Acts, the second volume of the Lukan narrative: the apostles, disciples, believers are witnesses. We are witnesses to the faith and belief of those gone before. We cannot touch and see Jesus for ourselves, but we can engage the scriptures. We can see in Luke's account Jesus' appearance among them, speaking to them, taking some food, inviting them to touch him. Luke's comment that Jesus 'opened their minds to understand the scriptures' (v. 45) repeats what was heard by those on the road to Emmaus. It is our reading and contemplation of the Word that deepens our faith and belief as witnesses and calls us forward in the transformation of our lives in the light of the resurrection.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

(or Alleluia!)

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; / from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; / the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. / Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, / for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes away our sins, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 24: 32

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

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MASS TIMINGS:

Monday 8:00 am; Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday to Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 8:00 am and Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment

DEVOTIONS

:Rosary
after weekday Masses
:Cenacle Prayers
Fridays 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
Saturday from 4:15pm to 5:00 pm
First Fridays from 11.30am to 12.15pm

Archdiocese of Sydney's Child Safeguarding Office: 9290 5810 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

Year B: Third Sunday of Easter 14-04-2024

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: *The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.*

Prayer of the Week: Heavenly Father, we pray where there is fear and anxiety; hatred and war; poverty and sickness, selfishness and greed; that Jesus Christ may appear in love, peace and comfort. You made the world in beauty and restore all things in glory through the victory of your Son Jesus. Open our hearts to your power moving in us to be your instruments of love, compassion and forgiveness and healing. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

We offer special prayers for:

The sick: Dea Maria Tjahjana, Helen Yu, Jorge Azar, Milagros F. Cannistraro, Sarah Cannistraro, Sevi Zachary Claveria, Marieta De Venecia, Speranza Dorigo, Lynette Drew, Sue Domancich, Vivian Felice, Jim Lisbona, Doris Magri, Celin Malkun, Javier Malkun, July Malkun, Nayade Malkun, Manuel Mantilla, Marija & Barclay Family, Owen McLoughlin, Felomina Moulic, Jay R. Moulic, Salvador Murillo, Yvonne Parry, Jessa Reina De Vera-Cruz, Thelma Soriano, Ann-Marie Stevens, Venus Tabayoyong, James Trehwella, Aurea Visperas, Alison Wilkinson, Jessica & Joseph Wilkinson, all our sick parishioners, sick members of our families and friends and all the sick in the world.

The deceased:

Recently: Jack McCoy, Felicidad Yabut Delos Reyes

Anniversary: Bemabe Moulic (18/4), William Malkun (2nd on 26/4/24) Teodoro Tecson (11th on 3/4), Julie Ortega (3rd on 7/4), Juana Cruz (29th on 12/4), Tony Yahya Elburba (1st on 11/4), Daniel Soriano (4/4), Adelaida Soraino (5/4),

Others: Maria Vucetic, Miko Vucetic, Des Ebejer, Andrew Spiteri, Susan Lee, Wilfred Tsen, Jenny Chen, Vincenzo & Elena Sellaro; Gerace, Cosentino, Rizzo, Artese & Sellaro Families, Giovanni Family, John Wilkinson Patrick Cheong, Veronica Luo, the deceased members of our families and friends and all Souls in Purgatory.

We welcome to our parish community
Amira Blair-George who will be baptised this weekend.
Congratulations to the parents.



Roster Apr 20/21 5.30pm

8am

10am

Lectors:

Harry Bickers

Violet & Leilani Barnes

Bev Anlezark

Iskandar Ajjaka

Marilyn Kahn

Reuben Kahn

Church Cleaning & Preparation: Roster 20 April (third Saturday of the month)

Flowers Arranging: Rosa Ribeiro

Dusting & Tidying Pews: Nancy Cheung

Vacuuuming Church Floor: Kina Falemaka

A volunteer is needed to read at Saturday Vigil 5.30pm masses: please contact the parish office if you can help. Thank you.

Volunteer(s) are needed to vacuum on the Saturday morning of 4th May, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 10th August. If you are able to help, please contact the parish.

Good Friday Holy Land Appeal collection total was \$686.05. Thank you for your donations. The funds have been forwarded to Archdiocese of Sydney Chancery to pass on to The Holy Land Commissariat. No tax receipts are issued for this appeal.

Project Compassion: A Total of \$2095 was collected. Thank you very much for your donations. The funds have been forwarded to Caritas Australia. Tax receipts for cash/cheque donations will be issued by the parish in June 2024. Tax receipts for card donations will be issued by Caritas Australia.

The First Collection taken after the Prayer of Faithful supports our Archdiocesan clergies' stipends and presbytery expenses. **The Second Collection** which will be taken immediately after **The First Collection** supports our church's liturgical and running expenses as well as repairs and maintenance.

Tap donations are divided equally to First & Second Collections.

NO FOREIGN COINS Please: Please do not place any foreign coins and currency in any collections as they cause problems with our counting machine and the bank's.

Books, pamphlets, Items left in Church Foyer without approval: Please DO NOT leave books, pamphlets or items in the church foyer without permission from Fr Daney. Unwanted and unauthorised dumping of items clutter the foyer; and weekly effort & expense have to be taken to throw them out.

The Catholic Weekly for only \$2 each in the foyer. In this week's edition pulpit points:

•Two new deacons for the Easter season. •Jesus taught Quyen the lessons of love

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

We acknowledge the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation, traditional custodians of this land. We respect and honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.