

Prayer and Readings for the THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 30 APRIL 2017

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²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Prayer of the Day

O God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ³⁶ Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸ Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalms 116.1-4, 11-18

¹ I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;
² Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called to him.
³ The cords of death encompassed me,
the snares of the grave took hold on me:
I was in anguish and sorrow.
⁴ Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !'

¹¹ How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?
¹² I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.
¹³ I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.
¹⁴ Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.
¹⁵ O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your
handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.
¹⁶ I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.
¹⁷ I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁸ In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the
Lord.

1 Peter 1.13-25

¹³ Therefore prepare your minds for action;
discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the
grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is
revealed.
¹⁴ Like obedient children, do not be conformed to
the desires that you formerly had in ignorance.
¹⁵ Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy
yourselves in all your conduct;
¹⁶ for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am
holy.'
¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all
people impartially according to their deeds, live in
reverent fear during the time of your exile.
¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the
futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not
with perishable things like silver or gold,
¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that
of a lamb without defect or blemish.
²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the
world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for
your sake.
²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him
glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.
²² Now that you have purified your souls by your
obedience to the truth so that you have genuine
mutual love, love one another deeply from the
heart.

²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but
of imperishable seed, through the living and
enduring word of God.

²⁴ For
'All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures for ever.' That
word is the good news that was announced to
you.

Luke 24.13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going
to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles
from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other
about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While
they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself
came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes
were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to
them, 'What are you discussing with each other
while you walk along?' They stood still, looking
sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was
Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only
stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the
things that have taken place there in these
days?' ¹⁹ He asked them, 'What things?' They
replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who
was a prophet mighty in deed and word before
God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief
priests and leaders handed him over to be
condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we
had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.
Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day
since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some
women of our group astounded us. They were at
the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did
not find his body there, they came back and told
us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels
who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who
were with us went to the tomb and found it just
as the women had said; but they did not see
him.' ²⁵ Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you
are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the
prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary
that the Messiah should suffer these things and
then enter into his glory?'

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