

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 26, 2020**

### **PNCC SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND HOLY MASS DUE TO COVID 19**

#### **HYMN – COME, YE FAITHFUL**

Come, ye faithful, raise your voices, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
For this day the world rejoices, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Sing the song of Resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Christ would grant to us Salvation, Alleluia, Alleluia!

When the women would anoint Him, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Lo, an angel said unto them, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
He is not here, He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Go, proclaim His Resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia!

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for bringing me safely to the beginning of a new day. Keep me safe throughout the day from temptation, sin and evil. O Lord, by Your help and guidance may my thoughts, words and all that I do be in accordance with Your holy will. Amen.

#### **ACT OF CONTRITION**

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

V. My eyes are ever upon the Lord, Who frees my feet from the snare. Alleluia.  
R. Look upon me, have pity on me, for I am alone and afflicted. Alleluia.  
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### **THE KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.                      Christ, have mercy.                      Lord, have mercy.

#### **THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of ✠ God the Father. Amen.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord Jesus, You accompanied Your sorrowing disciples as they journeyed to Emmaus.  
Go with us on our journey through this world.  
Guide us, uphold us, and make our hearts burn within us.  
May we walk in the strength of Your presence all our days.  
For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed:

“You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem.

Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.

You who are Israelites, hear these words.

Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God  
with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs,  
which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.

This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God,  
you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.

But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death,  
because it was impossible for him to be held by it.

For David says of him:

*I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.*

*Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted;*

*my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,  
nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.*

*You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.*

“My brothers, one can confidently say to you  
about the patriarch David that he died and was buried,  
and his tomb is in our midst to this day.

But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him  
that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne,  
he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ,  
that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption.

God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses.

Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father  
and poured him forth, as you see and hear.”

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 16

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the Lord, “My Lord are you.”

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

***Lord, You will show us the path of life. Alleluia.***

I bless the Lord who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

***Lord, You will show us the path of life. Alleluia.***

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence;  
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,

nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

***Lord, You will show us the path of life. Alleluia.***

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.

***Lord, You will show us the path of life. Alleluia.***

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**ALLELUIA VERSE:** Luke 24:32

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL:** - Luke 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?"

They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?"

And he replied to them, "What sort of things?"

They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him.

But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place.

Some women from our group, however, have astounded us:

they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body;

they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.

Then some of those with us went to the tomb  
and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see.”  
And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are!  
How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!  
Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”  
Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,  
he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.  
As they approached the village to which they were going,  
he gave the impression that he was going on farther.  
But they urged him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.”  
So he went in to stay with them.  
And it happened that, while he was with them at table,  
he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.  
With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.  
Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”  
So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem  
where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying,  
“The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”  
Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way  
and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You Lord Jesus Christ.*

#### **REFLECTION** – *Adapted from One Bread, One Body*

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus said they "were hoping" that Jesus would redeem Israel (Lk 24:21). The two disciples lost hope when Jesus was crucified. Many likewise may be struggling to hold on to hope. We may feel that we have "toiled in vain, and for nothing, uselessly, spent" our strength in our families, evangelization, work, or life in general (Is 49:4). We know that the Lord has promised that our "hope will not leave us disappointed," but we feel disappointed anyway (see Rm 5:5).

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus found their lost hope when their hearts were burning as Jesus interpreted the Scriptures for them (Lk 24:32) and when they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, which refers to the Eucharist (Lk 24:35). Our hope is in Jesus teaching us His Word and giving us His Body and Blood.

As we hope in the presence of our Lord in His Word and the Sacrament of the Altar, may we also be transformed by the power and presence of our crucified and risen Lord just as those Apostles and disciples were. Let us embrace presence of our Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us as our Lord's disciples today – bringing the good news of hope and salvation to transform our communities and to our world!

Almighty and Merciful Father make me a messenger of hope. Amen.

*(A few moments for silent reflection)*

#### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary,  
AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **PRAYER**

God our Father, You instilled a vibrant hope in us through the Resurrection of Your Son from the dead. Through the gifts of the altar, may we, being raised with Him, seek those things, which are above, and be made partakers of eternal life.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **OUR FATHER**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

### **COMMUNION VERSE**

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Alleluia.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You made Yourself know to Your disciples in the breaking of bread at Emmaus.

May we, through the same Blessed Sacrament come to know and abide with You forever. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY**

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation and our world. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of all. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**REGINA CAELI - ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He, whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia

R. For the Lord has truly risen. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we humbly ask You, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the ☩ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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