

**The Third Sunday of Easter            Year A**

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

**Readings: 1) Acts 2:14, 22-33    2) 1 Peter 1:17-21    3) Luke 24:13-35**

**Sunday Liturgy**

**The focus for today's Mass is:    Let us rejoice in the good news of salvation: Jesus is God's promise fulfilled.**

**The joy of the Easter season is still with us as we rejoice in the risen Christ. He is truly present to us in the celebration of the Mass. He is the promise fulfilled, and we are nourished with his Word, and his body and blood. Just like those on the road to Emmaus, we know him in the breaking of the bread.**

**In the first reading, Peter proclaims to the Jews and all in Jerusalem that Jesus, *commended to [them] by God*, was also killed by them. But that God raised him up. Peter writes that all have been ransomed by the *precious blood of Christ*. In the Gospel, two disciples traveled from Jerusalem to Emmaus, discussing all that had happened. Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize him until they sat for a meal and *he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them*.**

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

**Let us present our needs, and those of the world, to our most gracious God.**

**For the Church throughout the world, may Jesus, our head, grant us reconciliation and unity.**

**We Pray to the Lord.    Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For war-torn nations, may there be peace in every place experiencing violence and war.**

**We Pray to the Lord.    Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For all the poor, the sick and the struggling.**

**We Pray to the Lord.    Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For all our beloved dead.**

**We Pray to the Lord.    Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For all those suffering worldwide from the coronavirus whether in sickness or from loss.**

**For frontline medical professionals treating those who are ill.**

**For researchers, for all leaders advising, devising and implementing measures**

**to slow the spread of infection and keep people safe,**

**and for the comfort of all who are isolated, lonely and fearful.**

**We Pray to the Lord.    Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (pause).**

**We Pray to the Lord.    Lord, hear our prayer.**

**PRIEST:**

**Father, hear the prayers of your people, we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.**