

The Third Sunday of Easter Year B

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Readings: 1) Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 2) 1 John 2:1-5a 3) Luke 24:35-48

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: **The risen Christ forgives our sins and advocates for us before the Father.**

In breaking open the Scriptures for the disciples, Jesus dispels their greatest fears and doubts and gently brings them into the fullness of true peace. Because of this they now have the courage to proclaim him before the world – to become his witnesses. Courage and peace are the hallmarks of the believer, and are the gifts necessary to face the challenges of this world.

Peter tells the people that they have put to death God's servant, Jesus, and exhorts them, *Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.* John writes to his community in the hope that they do not sin, but if they should, he tells them they have an Advocate in Christ. In the Gospel, while the two disciples recount to the others their experience with Jesus *on the way*, the risen Christ appears to all of them, with a greeting of peace. He shows them his body, and eats in front of them, in order to help them *understand the Scriptures* and what they had witnessed.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

We now bring our needs and the needs of the world before our Merciful Father.

**For the Church,
may she increase in grace and holiness during this Easter season.**

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

**For world leaders working together to
find solutions to our common global problems.**

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

**For all who are sick in mind, spirit and body,
may God's presence offer comfort and healing.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For our beloved dead, may they rest eternal in peace.

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

For all of us, may the Lord bless us in our Lenten journey.

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,

we ask that you hear and answer our prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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