

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*Jesus Christ is the word of life!*

*Jesus Christ is the bread of life!*

*Come, let us adore, alleluia!*

Glory to the Father...Amen Alleluia.

**Hymn**

**Meter: CM**

Be known to us in breaking bread,  
But do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread  
Your table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine;  
Your body and your blood,  
That living bread, that heav'nly wine,  
Be our immortal food.

**Psalm**

**78:1-5**

*Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.* (cf. Lk 24:27)

*In the word proclaimed, in the bread broken and shared, the risen Christ is present in our midst, offering us the gift of life.*

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;  
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable  
and reveal hidden lessons of the past.  
The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
these we will not hide from their children  
but will tell them to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might  
and the marvelous deeds he has done,  
the witness he gave to Jacob,  
the law he established in Israel.

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God**

**Nehemiah 8:10, 12**

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!” Then all the people went to eat and drink, to distribute portions, and to celebrate with great joy, for they understood the words that had been expounded to them.

Hear me, all of you, and understand. (Mk 7:14)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*Do you not know? Have you not heard?/ Was it not foretold you from the beginning?/ Have you not understood?* (Is 40:21)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

**Intercessions**

In faith we see; in faith we hear; in joy we praise:

**R/You have the words of everlasting life!**

You come to us in the Scriptures proclaimed among us:  
– open our ears to hear what you say to us today. **R/**

You come to us in the breaking of the bread: – open our hearts to receive the life you offer us today. **R/**

You dwell among us in your Body, the Church: – open our minds to become aware of you always. **R/**

**Personal intentions**

Our Father....

*Lord Jesus Christ, on the road to Emmaus you opened the eyes of your disciples to your presence in word spoken and bread broken. Grant us always the gift of faith to welcome your presence with joy and to live by your teaching, who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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**Reading 1**

**Acts of the Apostles 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 Nazorean 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.”

**Reading 2** 1Peter 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.

**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.

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**Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!