

# TODAY'S MASS

18th April 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter (B)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 65:1-2

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God,  
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,  
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,  
we may look forward in confident hope  
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Cf. Lk 24:32

**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.  
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.  
Alleluia!**

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19  
Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God  
of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who  
has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed  
over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate  
had decided to release him. It was you who accused the  
Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of  
a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however,  
raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the  
witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had  
any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God  
carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his  
prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent  
and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the  
road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of  
bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood  
among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state  
of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost.  
But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these  
doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes,  
it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has  
no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said  
this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so  
great that they could not believe it, and they stood  
dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here  
to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he  
took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I  
was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law  
of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be  
fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the  
scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written  
that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the  
dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness  
of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from  
Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PSALM

Ps 4:2. 4.7.9. R.v7

**R) Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have  
mercy and hear me! **(R)**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R)**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R)**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray,  
these offerings of your exultant Church,  
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,  
grant also that the gifts we bring  
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 24:46-47

**The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the  
dead;  
in his name repentance and remission of sins  
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,  
and grant, we pray,  
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries  
may attain in their flesh  
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

