

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B

Season of Easter

First Reading † Acts 3:13-15,17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people:

'The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had given the verdict to release him.

'It was you who rejected the Holy and Righteous One, and asked that a murderer should be released to you while you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead, and to that fact we are witnesses.

'By faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you know and see here. Faith in him has restored this man to complete health in the presence of all of you.

'Now know, brothers, that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers; but in this way God has brought to fulfilment what he foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. So you must repent and be converted, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness.
From anguish you released me; have mercy and hear my prayer.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Know that the Lord works wonders for his faithful.
The Lord will hear me whenever I call him.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

'Who can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

In peace will I lie down and fall asleep,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in hope.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading † 1 John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, am writing this so that you do not sin;
but if anyone does sin,
we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, the righteous.
He is the sacrifice to expiate our sins,
and not only ours,
but also those of the whole world.

In this way we know
that we have come to know him,
if we keep his commandments.
Whoever says, 'I know him'
and does not keep his commandments
is a liar,
and truth has no place in him.

But anyone who does keep his word,
in such a one God's love has truly reached perfection.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † cf Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Luke 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Then the disciples recounted what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when he himself stood among them and said to them,

‘Peace be with you!’

Staggered and frightened, they thought they were seeing a spirit. But he said,

‘Why are you so agitated, and why are these misgivings rising in your hearts?

See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.

Touch me and see for yourselves; a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.’

And as he said this he showed them his hands and his feet. As in their joy they still could not believe it, and were amazed, he said to them,

‘Have you anything here to eat?’

And they offered him a piece of grilled fish; he took it and ate it before their eyes.

Then he told them,

‘This is what I said to you, while I was still with you,

that everything written about me in

the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, must be fulfilled.’

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them,

‘It is written that in this way the Messiah should suffer and on the third day rise from the

dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be preached to all

nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Monday of the third week of Easter