

## Readings for The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)

**First Reading** - Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know, this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. But God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will dwell in hope.

For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades,  
nor let thy Holy One see corruption.

Thou hast made known to me the ways of life;  
thou will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Brothers, I may say to you with much confidence of the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with 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 he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*R: Lord you will show me the path of life.*

Preserve me, O God, for in thee I take refuge.

say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;

O Lord it is you who are my portion and cup;

You yourself who secure my lot.

*R: Lord you will show me the path of life.*

I will bless the Lord who gives me council.

Who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord before me always;  
With Him at my right hand, I shall not be moved

*R: Lord you will show me the path of life.*

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
Nor let your holy one see corruption.

*R: Lord you will show me the path of life.*

You will show me the path of life,  
The fulness of joy in your presence,  
At your right hand, bliss forever.

*R: Lord you will show me the path of life.*

### **Second Reading** – 1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing you that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but he was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers. 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



On the first day of the week, two of disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all

this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and when they did not find his body, and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged strongly him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.



When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.