

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST READING: *Acts 3:13-15, 17-18*

*This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Peter said to the people:

The God of our ancestors,  
Abraham, Jacob and Isaac, has now glorified Jesus.  
You took him to Pilate  
and accused him of things he didn't do.  
And even when Pilate wanted to free him,  
you said "No!"  
You asked Pilate to free a murderer instead of Jesus,  
who is good and holy.  
You killed the One who gives us eternal life!  
But God raised him up from the dead,  
and we have seen him!

But I know, my brothers and sisters,  
you didn't really understand what you were doing  
when you put Jesus to death.  
Your leaders didn't understand either.  
But now, be sorry for what you did  
and change your lives!  
Turn to God so your sins may be forgiven!

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE: *Psalms 118*

This day was made by the Lord. Let us rejoice!  
Let us be glad! Let us rejoice in salvation.

Verses:

1. *Leader:* The stone which the builders rejected is the Cornerstone.  
*All:* I will proclaim the wonders you do.
2. *Leader:* You opened the gates of heaven. You have given me life.  
*All:* You have given me life. I will proclaim the wonders you do.

*(Repeat Response after each Verse.)*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Peace be with you," Jesus said. Alleluia!

"I am risen from the dead." Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Luke 24:35-48*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of Luke.*

Two disciples who had met Jesus on the road to Emmaus came to tell others all that happened. They told them how they knew it was Jesus when he broke the bread. While they were talking about all of this, suddenly Jesus was there and said to them,

"Peace be with you!"

They were so frightened that they thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said to them,

"Why are you so frightened and confused?

Look at my hands and feet. Touch me.

A ghost doesn't have a body like I do. I am really here!"

Even though the disciples were filled with joy and wonder, they still could not believe it. So Jesus said to them,

"Do you have anything here to eat?"

They gave him some cooked fish and he ate it. Then he said to them,

"Remember all the things that I told you before.

Everything that was written in the law of Moses

and in the prophets and psalms was really talking about me

and all that would happen to me."

And Jesus helped the disciples to understand the Scriptures.

He said to them,

"It is written that the Christ would suffer and die,  
but would rise from the dead on the third day.

In his name, everyone must be told that their sins are forgiven  
when they change their lives and believe.

You are now witnesses to all of this."

*This is the Good News of the Lord.*