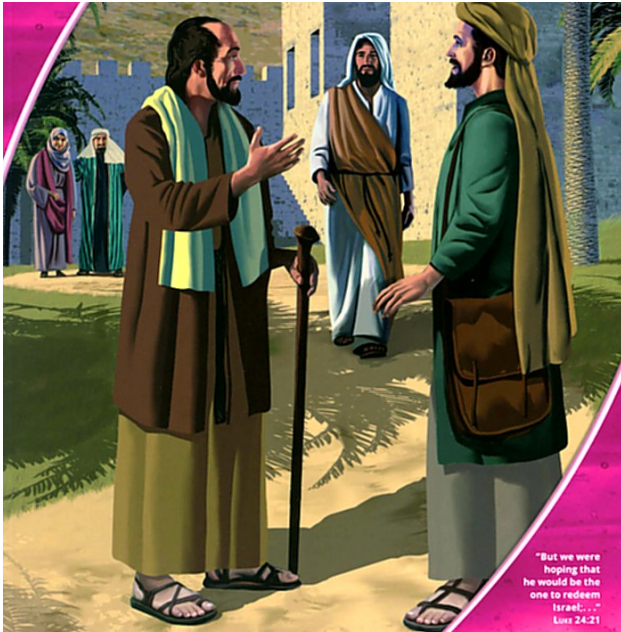


## THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER – APRIL 26 – FAMILY PRAYERS

### – Two Disciples on the Road to Emaus



The joy of the Easter season is still with us as we rejoice in the risen Christ. As Jesus walked along the road to Emaus with the disciples, he walks with us, too, in our daily lives. May we recognize him in the blessing of each day.

#### **To Prepare:**

*Prepare small table, covered with white cloth to be your family altar. Place cross, 2 candles, religious picture, some flowers to make the place of prayer beautiful and helping to concentrate on prayer. Assign those who will preside the prayers, read, make prayers, lead singing...*

Entry song .....

#### **SIGN OF THE CROSS**

**Presider:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son

and in the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**P:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Presider:** As we are preparing to celebrate the 3th Sunday of Easter in our Family and to listen to the Word of God, proclaimed to us, let us open our hearts to the Mercy of God, to purify our hearts and minds so that God's forgiveness and blessing can transform our lives and strengthen us in following Jesus as his disciples.

Let us pray:

**P:** Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father: Lord have Mercy.

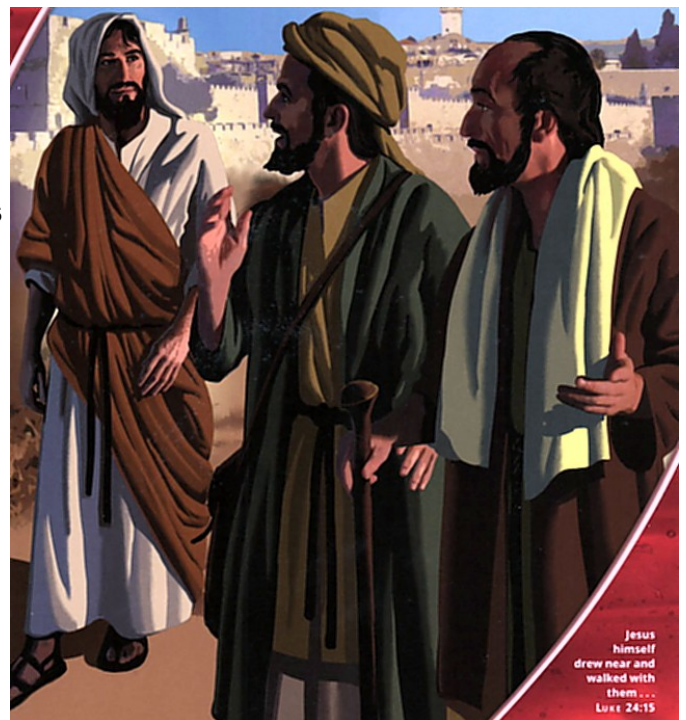
**All:** Risen Lord, have mercy.

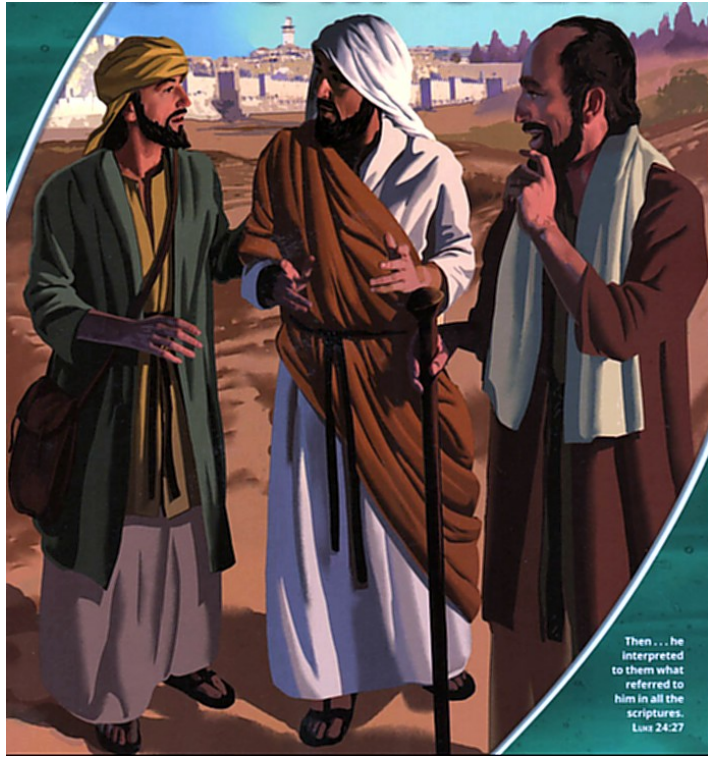
**P:** Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth: Lord have mercy.

**All:** Risen Christ, have mercy.

**P:** Lord Jesus, you are Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life: Lord have mercy.

**All:** Risen Lord, have Mercy.





**Song: Glory to God in the Highest...**

**Presider:**

**OPENING PRAYER**

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. Amen.

**Song/chorus before the reading:**

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**READINGS OF THE DAY:**

**FIRST READING: Acts 2: 14,2**

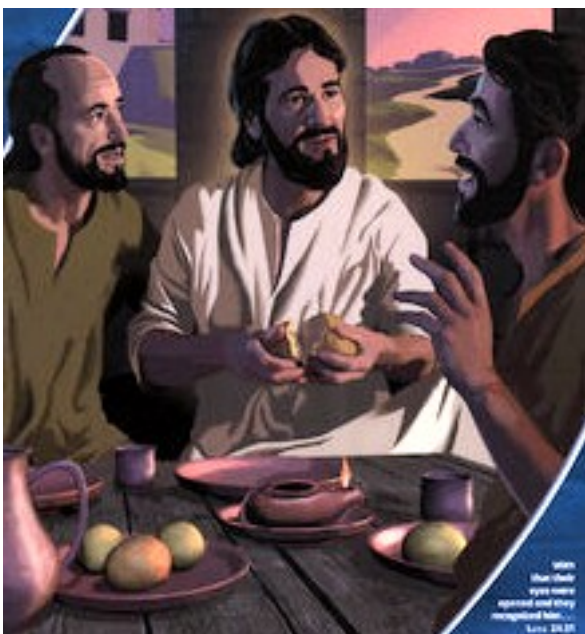


**PSALM 16: You Will Show Me the Path of Life**

**REFRAIN:** You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shelter.  
In your presence is endless joy, at your side is my home forever.

1. Faithful God, I look to you, you alone my life and fortune, never shall I look to other gods, you shall be my one hope. **(refrain)**
2. From of old you are my heritage, you my wisdom and my safety, through the night you speak within my heart, silently you teach me. **(refrain)**
3. So my heart shall sing for you, in your arms I rest securely, you will not abandon me to death, you shall not desert me. **(refrain)**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1: 17-21**



**ALLELUIA**, Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak to us. **ALLELUIA**

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:13-35**

*All family members sit down to share the word of God that they have heard just now. Which words touched them, made impact in their hearts and minds, on their lives....*

*After reflection: all stand up to profess their faith, using the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in God, ..."*



## **INTERCESSIONS:**

1. For the Holy Church of God: may we be a place of hope and support to all in need, especially now in the time Coronavirus pandemic in our communities. Let us pray to the Lord...
2. For politicians, legislators, and government officials: may mutual respect and care for all people, especially those suffering and poor, lead to fruitful service in all areas of public life. Let us pray to the Lord...
3. For those suffering the financial and physical stress of the effects of COVID-19: may they receive the help they need. Let us pray to the Lord...
4. For health and protection for all who care for those who are sick and suffering, and for those providing for the needs of others. Let us pray to the Lord...
5. For those saddened by loss or discouragement: may the promise of the risen Lord lift them from their despair. Let us pray to the Lord...
6. For those in hospice care and for all the sick of our families and communities, especially (*your intention.....*): may they find strength and hope in the face of those who care for them. Let us pray to the Lord...
7. For strength and perseverance for researchers and scientists who work tirelessly for, and a resolution to, the COVID-19 virus. Let us pray to the Lord...
8. For all people of faith: may we recognize Jesus in every friend and stranger. Let us pray to the Lord...
9. For those who have died, especially [*your intention.....*]: may they know the fullness of eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord...



## **The Lord's Prayer:**

**Gathering these prayers together, as well as those we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray in the words that Jesus taught us.**  
**Our Father...**

## **Prayer to stop the Coronavirus**

Almighty and Merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for a quick control of the Corona Virus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant Governments and Health Authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## PRAYER FOR PEACE

Loving God, please grant us peace of mind and calm our troubled hearts.

Give us the strength and clarity of mind to find our purpose of life and walk the path

You have laid out for us. We trust your love God, and know that you will heal this stress situation of our life and of the whole country. Just as the sun rises each day against the dark of night, may hope rise against anxiety and worry. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

**All:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**Queen of Heaven**, rejoice, Alleluia!  
for he whom you were worthy to bear, Alleluia!  
has risen as he said, Alleluia!  
Pray for us to God, Alleluia!

**All:** May Almighty God bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen! Alleluia!**

Praise the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia



Yours in Christ,  
with prayers for All of you,

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