

APRIL 30, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Eyes of faith are opened in the breaking of the bread.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	On the road to Emmaus
Monday	Genesis 18:1-14	Abraham and Sarah eat with God
Tuesday	Exodus 24:1-11	Moses eats with God
Wednesday	John 21:1-14	Jesus eats with his disciples
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11:23-29	Recognizing the Lord's body
Friday	John 5:24-26, 37-40	The Scriptures testify to Christ
Saturday	Psalms 116	Recovery from illness
Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then the disciples from Emmaus told what happened on the road and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread.

Luke 24:35 (CEV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please walk with us each day this week. Give us the faith to see you beside us. Amen. (Luke 24:15, 30-31)

Mealtime Prayer:

Come and stay with us, Lord Jesus. Be with us in our eating, our sharing, and our serving. Thank you for all you give to us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord walk with you this day and always. May God stay with you every night and every day. (Luke 24:13-35)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!



CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- Give an example of being surprised when you noticed something you had not been aware of before.
- The disciples from Emmaus were able to see their Lord when Jesus broke the bread. What does it mean to you to break bread with Jesus?
- What opens your eyes to see Jesus as your Lord?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Acts 2:14a, 36-41.

In Luke and Acts (written by the same person), the resurrection is not an end but a beginning. In the resurrection, people are called to turn back to God, be baptized, and receive the Holy Spirit. This resurrection life is a promise given to all future generations (Acts 2:38-39). Now read 1 Peter 1:17-23, which indicates what the resurrection life, being "born anew," looks like for the community of faith. What are the joys and challenges of life in the resurrection? Close your time of reflection with the Lord's Prayer.

SERVICE



Jesus came alongside two of his followers in their sorrow and brought them joy. Plan a visit to someone who would appreciate some company. Or, you may contact someone who is away at college, in the military, or who simply lives at a distance from you and would enjoy a card or social media contact in the days ahead. You could also use "A Prayer for the Week" from this *Taking Faith Home* with this person.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



A traditional Easter season greeting is the exchange, "Christ is risen" with the response, "He is risen, indeed. Alleluia." Share this greeting with family and friends with the addition of this question at the end, "Christ is risen" with the response, "He is risen, indeed. What should we do?" (Acts 2:37b).



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