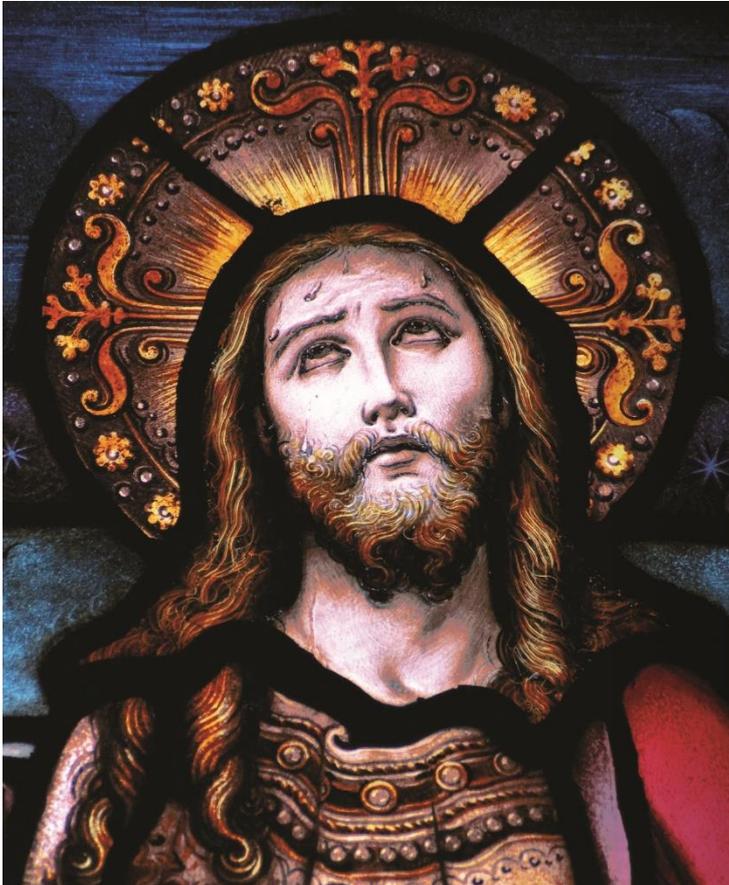


WORSHIP @ HOME

3rd Sunday of Easter – Yr B • 18 April 2021

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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Preparation

There are a few things you need to do to get ready before you begin.

- We recommend glancing through the whole service before you start. **Adapt the service for your family**, especially so it will be age-appropriate.
- **Prepare a bowl of water** and a sprig of a plant for the sprinkling rite.
- You could make the setting special by using a **WHITE** table cloth, some candles, and anything else to make your space prayerful. Get the whole family involved in the preparations.
- **Place your family Bible on the table**, if you have one, opened up to the Gospel reading of the day (Luke 24:35-48).
- **The script has leader and various reader parts.** Anyone old enough to read well can perform these roles.
- **An iPad/tablet computer** or large phone could work well for reading the script. **It would be helpful to have two devices** for multiple people to read. To access the slideshow and hymns, visit: <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-04-18>
- **Don't worry**, you don't have to do this perfectly. Have some fun with it. Let's pray!

JUST BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- **Silence and set aside all phones** or other devices that may interrupt you.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING SONG

Start playing the video for this opening song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VX6LsNoyczQ>

GREETING

Leader: † In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God forever.
The response is: Blessed be God forever.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: We gather together as a family to continue the Easter celebration,
remembering how Jesus rose from the dead to be with us again.
One with all of our sisters and brothers throughout the world,
let us now listen to God's Word and join in prayer.

SPRINKLING RITE

Explain to your children that if you were in church now the priest would walk around and sprinkle everyone with water as a reminder of their own baptism. Invite your children to do a home sprinkling blessing now. They may dip the plant sprig (or just their hands if you don't have one) into the bowl of water and use it to sprinkle a blessing on everyone in the family now. Let them enjoy this moment, even if they get you a bit wetter than you would like.

Leader: God has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit.
May we stay faithful to Jesus for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Pause for a short time for everyone to pray in silence. Then pray the following out loud, carefully and with meaning.

Leader: Gracious God,
By raising Jesus from the dead you conquered death.
Hear us as we ask your blessing
for all those who are sick in our world today.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Pause for a few moments before continuing.

ALLELUIA

Play the video below. Listen to the refrain the first time, then sing together when it repeats.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aTe0M_n_cE

GOSPEL

Lead your family in this action prayer, making the Sign of the Cross over your forehead, lips, and heart at each step.

Reader 1: Today we hear another story about Jesus coming to meet his friends who were surprised and afraid after he rose from the dead.

We now do this action prayer together:

May the Lord be on my mind, †
on my lips, †
and in my heart †
as we hear the Gospel today.

A reading from the holy Gospel of Luke.

This text is based on the translation used in the Lectionary for Masses with Children and is easier for young people to understand.

Reader 1: Then the disciples from Emmaus told what happened on the road
and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread.

While Jesus' disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared and greeted them.

They were frightened and terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost.

But Jesus said, "Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt?
Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am!
Touch me and find out for yourselves.
Ghosts don't have flesh and bones as you see I have."

After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.
The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it.
Jesus then asked them, "Do you have something to eat?"
They gave him a piece of baked fish.
He took it and ate it as they watched.

Jesus said to them, "While I was still with you,
I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses,
the Books of the Prophets, and in the Psalms had to happen."

Then he helped them understand the Scriptures.
He told them:

The Scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer,
then three days later he will rise from death.
They also say that all people of every nation
must be told in my name to turn to God, in order to be forgiven.
So beginning in Jerusalem, you must tell everything that has happened.

Luke 24:35-48. From the Contemporary English Version, copyright © American Bible Society, 1991, 1995.

Reader 1: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ILLUSTRATION

This four-minute video summarizes today's Gospel story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3QkZsKLU2o>

GOSPEL VIDEO REFLECTION

Here's an eight minute video for kids that will help you enter into this story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDfmnFzKrwQ>

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

If your parish has provided a homily video online, you could play it here. Either way, take some time to talk together about what the readings mean to each of you. You can do this however you would like, but here are some suggestions.

- In today's Gospel, Jesus' friends are so surprised and scared that they think they are seeing a ghost until they touch him, but he doesn't get angry with them for being afraid. Have you ever been afraid of someone until he or she patiently let you get to know them more? Please share.
- There are several stories of Jesus eating and drinking with his friends after his resurrection. Why do you think that is? (Parents: let your children muse about this - if they can't come up with any reasons, remind them that the Gospel tells lots of stories of how much Jesus likes to share meals with people. It was an important time for him to relax with others and get to know them and vice versa.)
- What are your favorite memories about eating meals with others: who was there? where were you? what kind of food was served? Jesus' followers learned from him that having meals together creates a special "communion" time when people can simply enjoy being in each other's company, even if

they're only eating simple things like fish or bread and wine. How might you make even simple meals a bit more special to remind yourself that when you eat with others Jesus is in your midst too?

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Now let's pray together to God for what we need.

Reader 2: We pray in memory of all those who have died of the coronavirus in the past year, and for all their loved ones who still miss them, that they may be comforted.
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray in thanksgiving for all those who have worked so hard to keep people safe during the pandemic and for the gift of the vaccines that are promising a light at the end of this long tunnel.
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For those who are worried, lonely, or scared now,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For what else and for who else shall we pray?

Allow time for anyone else to speak prayers aloud.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

SIGN OF PEACE

Leader: Let us now offer each another a sign of peace.

Share some hugs!

A LITANY FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Leader: The response is: Lord, bring us closer to you!

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
we wish we could gather today with our parish community,
but we gather here out of love and concern for others.
You teach us that when two or three are gathered in your name,
you are there.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Christ Jesus, you are present in a special way
when bread and wine are turned into your Body and Blood.
Since we cannot receive you in this way today,
We ask that you enter our hearts
so that we may receive you spiritually.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
watch over your family
and keep us safe in your care,
for all our hope is in you.

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Concluding Rite

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

CLOSING SONG

Play the video below and sing along. Follow along with the hand motions and movements. Click the full-screen (four arrows) icons to enlarge.

<https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-04-18>

After the Service

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Take a picture of your family in your worship area and share it on social media (tag it with **#HolySpiritStClairWorshipAtHome**).

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