

Third Sunday of Easter Sunday | Year B

April 14, 2024 (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | 1 John 2:1-5a | Luke 24:35-48)

Peter takes courage to tell people that God has glorified his servant Jesus by raising him from the dead and making him Christ the Righteous One. Let us ask God to hear our prayers.

1/ Let us ask God to shine his face on us when we call on his holy name. For all peoples of God. We pray that together with Pope Francis, pastors, and deacons, they may always call on God to pour out his grace and mercy on them. Let us pray.

2/ In his letter, John assures early Christians that if any of them commits sin, they have Jesus Christ the righteous one who advocates for them before God the Father. For those who have committed sins of any kinds. We pray that they may learn to invoke Jesus Christ who is their advocate and intercessor before God the Father. Let us pray.

3/ John exhorts the same group of Christians to keep Jesus's commandment. They are to love God by loving one another. By doing that, God's love is perfected in each of them. For those who live in resentment and hatred, and thus fall short the meaning of love. We pray that our Christian practice of charity and compassion may inspire them to seek God. Let us pray.

4/ While recounting how the risen Jesus made himself known to them in the breaking of bread, Jesus again appeared and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." For our sisters and brothers who shared the breaking of bread in the Eucharist, but have now departed from us. We pray that God may grant them eternal peace. Today we remember [**at 4:30 PM**] Charles Hager and Patricia Matthews [**at 10:00 AM Mass**] James and Virginia Wilkins. Let us pray.

Father of all living, a people once in darkness has listened to your Word and followed your Son as he rose from the tomb. Hear the prayer of this newborn people. May we rise and come forth into the dawn of your eternal glory. We pray this through Christ our Lord.