

Third Sunday of Easter | Year A

April 23, 2023 (Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pet 1:17-21 | Luke 24:13-35)

Aided by God's Spirit and fearing no danger, Peter proclaims to the Jews in Jerusalem the message about the resurrection of Jesus. Let us imitate Peter in our prayers to God.

1/ Let us ask God to keep us in his protection, for he is our Lord and God. For all those who fear God. We pray that, led by Pope Francis, Christians continue to imitate Peter in speaking boldly of God's salvation through the resurrection of Jesus. Let us pray.

2/ In his Letter, Peter urges that because Christians invoke God as their Father, they ought to conduct themselves with reverence during their time of sojourning on earth. For those who spread falsehood, especially those who run for public offices. We pray that the Spirit of God, who is truth and righteousness, may dispel all falsehood from their hearts. Let us pray.

3/ Jesus appeared to two of his disciples on their way to Emmaus. During the breaking of bread, their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus, but he vanished from their sight. For those who are seeking God and Jesus. We pray that by participating in the Eucharist, they may begin to experience and to feel the presence of God and Jesus. Let us pray.

4/ The other disciples declared that the Lord Jesus had truly been raised from the dead and appeared to Simon Peter. For our sisters and brothers who have died with their faith in Jesus. We pray that they may now enjoy the company of the risen Jesus and all the saints in heaven. Today we remember **[at 4:30 PM]** Jean and Herbert Schofield, Sonny and Betty Hardesty, Jace Kullmann, and Ann Sipes; **[at 10:00 AM]** James and Virginia Wilkins, Jace Kullmann, and Ann Sipes. Let us pray.

Father in heaven, and author of all truth, 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 and strengthen your Church to answer your call. May we stand firm in the hope of resurrection until eternity dawns. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.