



Liturgy Cycle A

## **Third Sunday Of Easter** **Story-Telling On The Road To Emmaus**

### **Introduction**

On Easter Sunday evening two disciples of Jesus were returning to their native village. They were filled with sadness because the man on whom they had pinned their hopes had been executed. Then the risen Jesus joined them, opened their eyes, and turned their sadness into joy.

### **First Reading (Acts 2:14; 22-28)**

This is a part of a sermon preached by Peter to the Jews on the feast of Pentecost. It shows that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the very heart of the Good News.

### **Second Reading (1 Peter 1:17-21)**

The benefits we enjoy as Christians were won by Christ through the shedding of his blood. We must try to respond with a life of holiness.

### **Gospel (Luke 24:13-35)**

This contains the story of two men whose dreams had been shattered when Jesus was executed, how the risen Jesus joined them and showed them that it was by dying that he entered his glory.

### **Prayer Of The Faithful**

Jesus entered his glory by undergoing the pain and shame of the cross. Let us pray for the courage to follow him along the path of sacrifice and self-denial, so that one day we may share in his glory.

**R: Stay with us, Lord.**

**For the leaders of the Church: that they may not seek a life of comfort and ease.**

**R: Stay with us, Lord.**

**For our political leaders: that they may never take the easy way and so abandon the right way. Let us pray to the Lord.**

**R: Stay with us, Lord.**



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**For those who are disappointed and disillusioned: that Christ may give them hope. Let us pray to the Lord.**

**R: Stay with us, Lord.**

**That especially in dark moments we may be conscious of Christ's presence at our side on the road of life. Let us pray to the Lord.**

**R: Stay with us, Lord.**

### **Communion Reflection**

**All through life's day  
our risen Lord walks with us.  
Often, however, he is a stranger to us,  
for he never forces himself upon us.**

**Before the day's end  
we will ask many questions,  
experience many failures,  
disappointments and heartaches.**

**And then, suddenly,  
whether we are young, middle-aged, or old,  
we will find that the day is far spent,  
the shadows are lengthening,  
and the night is fast approaching.**

**In that moment we pray  
that, like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus,  
our eyes will be opened,  
and that we will recognize him  
the stranger who walked by our side  
as our risen Lord.**

**And he will not vanish from our sight.  
Instead he will be our guide  
as we travel through the dark valley of death,  
until we arrive safely at our father's house.**