

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ **7 Weeks of Eastertide:** The Church continues, for the next 7 weeks, soaking us with the message and stories of Easter. We are invited to be saturated with the experience of Easter. Lent was a season of preparation; Easter is a season of sending. What Easter attitudes and actions could you practise to show you are 'going out' to new edges and opportunities for mission?
- ❖ **Standing with the Eleven:** Peter, with the Eleven, standing amid many Jews, is a picture of the early Church in Jerusalem. Considering the tone of their words and the audience, fear of persecution is heavily present behind the scenes. Picture yourself today, in the Church, one of the Eleven. What are the challenges of the Christian community today? The Holy Spirit moved the disciples from fear behind closed doors to courage and preaching in public places. Do you sense the Holy Spirit moving and inspiring you toward a certain action, attitude, mission or task?
- ❖ **Ransomed:** The word ransom has a special meaning in scripture. If a member of your family was sold as a slave, imprisoned, or family land was in debt, the eldest member of the family had a special duty to 'ransom' (buy back) the family member or land. This image is used by Peter. We have not been won back to God by gold but 'with the precious blood of Christ'. Do you see the cost of God wanting us to know we are reconciled with him? What would be your response if a family member ransomed you back – from slavery, debt or prison?
- ❖ **Walking Away:** The Road to Emmaus features two disciples upset and downcast. They had such high hopes in Jesus. They now walk away from Jerusalem. Their saviour had become a failure. In the Greek 'foolish' and 'slow of heart' are more like 'not making the connections.' To understand, they need to be shocked and humbled at how God's power is able to work through human weakness and failure. Are you 'walking away' from Easter / Jerusalem disappointed? What connections do you need to make to move from Friday failure to Sunday joy? Do you see?
- ❖ **Sacred Moments – Sacraments:** The Emmaus story reveals Jesus is truly present when his words are shared and his actions at table are repeated. When he 'blessed, broke, gave' bread were very, very important to the community. These particular actions and words were unique to him and were commanded to be repeated. What conversation makes your heart burn within you? Do you 'recognise him' in the breaking of bread – Eucharist?

Another great theologian on the Resurrection: Edward Schillebeeckx op (NCR, January 7, 2011 – an article by Mary Catherine Hilker)

Schillebeeckx was a Dominican and theologian of the last century, who contributed greatly to the Second Vatican Council and beyond. Writing in the context of radical and senseless human suffering around the globe and growing ecological devastation, he wanted to retell the story of Jesus as disclosing the mystery of a God "bent toward humanity" in compassion. In one of his memorable ways of capturing this mystery, Schillebeeckx wrote: "God's cause is the human cause".

He emphasised that grace is an interpersonal encounter – a relationship of mutual friendship between God and human persons. For him, he defined a sacrament as "an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace" in personal terms. Thus, Jesus himself is the primary sacrament in whom God's gracious love became visible, tangible, historical and irrevocable.

Rather than identifying experiences of radical and dehumanising suffering and injustice as "fate" or "God's will," Schillebeeckx remarked that, in those situations, people rightly call out in protest: "This should not be." From a theological perspective, he identified God's Spirit at work in the powers of endurance, resistance, and the hope for a different future for those who are the victims of injustice and sin, and in the solidarity and action of all those who stand in accompaniment with them and who attempt to change the social and political structures that perpetuate that suffering.

Schillebeeckx argued that God has not given Christians a theoretical answer to the problem of evil, but rather a personal response in the life story of Jesus. Rather than promoting the notion that God sent Jesus to suffer and die "for our salvation," he insisted that the central theme of Jesus's life is echoed in the Gospel of John: "I came that you might have life and have it in abundance." It was human sin, rather than the divine will, that led to the execution of Jesus.

He emphasised that the disciples' experience of the resurrection was possible only because of what happened first to Jesus himself – his "personal-cum-bodily resurrection from the dead" and his ongoing life at the right hand of the Father.

Preaching on that same mystery, Schillebeeckx admitted that he found it most difficult to speak about what Christians mean by "resurrection of the body" not because he had any doubts about it, but because it is ultimately a matter of speaking of the very mystery of God, and God's faithfulness in the face of the greatest challenges to that faith – sin and death.

The final expression of his trust in the living God was a prayer he wrote in his final days: "*Loving, gracious God, it is you who lay me in my grave. (Edward)*"

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CALENDAR

MONDAY

April 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY

April 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY

April 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY

April 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY

April 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY

April 25
St. Mark,
Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b-14
Mk 16:15-20

SUNDAY

April 26
Fourth Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by
mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

Good News!

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35

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The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: OPEN MY EYES (No. 538)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263) PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

LAMB OF GOD (No. 391) PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION: IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (No. 918)
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE (No. 945)**

FINAL: ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS (No. 949) PLEASE STAND

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

Sunday, 19 April 2026

ENTRANCE: SING A NEW SONG (No. 607) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY

**Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.**

GLORY TO GOD

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.**

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 22-23

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him:

I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

"My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 16: LORD, YOU WILL SHOW US



1. Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. (R)
2. I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. (R)
3. Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence;
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption. (R)
4. You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter:

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**All: Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.**

GOSPEL: Lk 24:13-35

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Luke.

All: And with your spirit.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

"Risen Lord, open our eyes."

PLEASE BE SEATED