

## **Scripture Study Readings April 19 2023**

**Third Sunday of Easter –April 23, 2023**

**Year of Matthew – Season of John – The Splendid Treasury**

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14-19ab)**

But Peter stood up with the eleven, raised his voice, and addressed them: “*You men of Judea* –and all you who live in Jerusalem, know this and listen carefully to what I say. In spite of what you think, these men are not drunk, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. But this is what was spoken about through the prophet Joel:

*And in the last days -it will be, God says,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all people—  
and your sons and your daughters will prophesy,  
and your young men will see visions,  
and your old men will dream dreams.  
Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.  
And I will perform wonders in the sky above  
and miraculous signs on the earth below,*

**Hear what The Spirit is Saying to God’s People...Thanks be to God**

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**R/ O God, you will show us the path of life.**

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;  
I say to God, "My Lord are you."  
O God, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.

**R/ O God, you will show us the path of life.**

I bless God who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts me.  
I set God ever before me;  
with God at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

**R/ O God, you will show us the path of life.**

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/ O God, you will show us the path of life.**

You will show me the path to life,  
abounding joy in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.

**R/ O God, you will show us the path of life.**

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## **A Reading from the First Letter of John (2:1-6)**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not miss the mark – go off the path.

But if anyone does miss the mark – go off the path, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus the Christ, the righteous one.

He is the reconciliation for our straying off the path, and not for our missing the mark only, but for that of the whole world.

The way we may be sure that we know God is to keep God's command.

Those who say, "I have come to know God," but do not keep God's love command are liars, and the truth is not in them.

But whoever keeps their word, truly in this person,  
*the love of God has been made complete.*  
*By this we know that we are in union with God.*

The ones who say they reside in God,  
*ought themselves to walk, just as Jesus walked.*

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**God is with you always.....and also with you**  
**A reading from the Glad Tidings according to Saint Luke (24:13-35)**

And behold, that very day itself,  
two of them were on their way  
towards a village seven miles from Jerusalem named 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 began journeying with them,  
but their eyes were arrested and they did not recognize him.  
He asked them,  
“What wisdom are you discussing intently with one another  
as you are walking?”  
They stopped, looking downcast.  
One of them, named Cleopas, answering him said,  
“Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem  
who does not know of the things  
that have happened 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 man who with his powerful deeds and words proved to be a  
prophet before God and all the people,  
how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over  
to be condemned to death and crucified him.  
But we were hoping that he would be the one to liberate Israel;  
and besides all this,  
it is now the third day since all these things happened.  
Some women from our group, however, have astonished us:  
they were at the tomb early in the morning  
and when they 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 they did not see him .”

And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are!  
And how slow of heart to trust all that the prophets have spoken!  
Was it not necessary that the Anointed One should suffer these things  
and enter into his exalted state?”

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,  
he unfolded to them the meaning what was said  
in all the Scriptures about himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going,  
he acted as though he was going on farther.  
But they urged him, saying: “Abide with us,  
for it is getting toward evening and the day is almost done.”  
So he went in to abide with them.

And it happened that when he reclined with them at table,  
he took bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, and began giving it to them.

With that their eyes were opened to understanding, and they recognized  
and knew him, but he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other,  
“Were not each of our hearts set on fire, within us, while he was  
speaking to us on the journey and opened the Scriptures to us?”  
So they rose up at that very hour, and returned to Jerusalem  
where they found gathered together  
the eleven and those gathered together with them ~~who were saying,~~  
~~“The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”~~

The two recounted  
what had taken place on the journey  
and how he was made known to them in the **giving and sharing of the  
bread and himself.**

**The Good News from God...Praise to you O Jesus Christ**