

## WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

### Gathering Song: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

1. That Easter day with joy was bright:  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
2. His risen flesh with radiance glowed,  
his wounded hands and feet he showed;  
those scars their solemn witness gave  
that Christ was risen from the grave.
3. All praise, to you, O risen Lord,  
Now both by heav'n and earth adored;  
To God the Father equal praise,  
And Spirit blest, our songs we raise. Amen.

Text: *Claro paschali gaudio* ; Latin 5th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

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

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 of the Father, have mercy on us.

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. Amen.

### First Reading - Acts 3:1-10

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "the Beautiful Gate" every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple.

When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms.  
But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us."  
He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.  
Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you:  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk."

Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up,  
and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong.  
He leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them,  
walking and jumping and praising God.

When all the people saw him walking and praising God,  
they recognized him as the one who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the  
temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment  
at what had happened to him.

The word of the Lord. – Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm** - Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22

**Alleluia.**

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;  
make known among the nations his deeds.  
Sing to him, sing his praise,  
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.  
Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!  
Look to the LORD in his strength;  
seek to serve him constantly.  
You descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He, the LORD, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.  
He remembers forever his covenant  
which he made binding for a thousand generations—  
Which he entered into with Abraham  
and by his oath to Isaac.

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** – Luke 24:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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 the bread.

### **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

**Solemn Dismissal: Go in peace, Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Sending Forth Song**      *Be Joyful, Mary*

Be joyful, Mary, heav'nly Queen,  
Be joyful, Mary!  
Your grief is changed to joy serene,  
Alleluia! Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary!

The Son you bore by heaven's grace,  
Be joyful, Mary!  
Did by His death our guilt erase.  
Alleluia! Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary!

The Lord has risen from the dead,  
Be joyful, Mary!  
He rose in glory as He said.  
Alleluia! Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary!

Then pray to God, O Virgin fair,  
Be joyful, Mary!  
That He our souls to heaven bear.  
Alleluia! Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary!

Text: Regina caeli, jubila ; Latin, 17th C.; tr. anon. in Psallite, 1901

