



Still the greatest
treasure remains for
those who gladly
suffer for it.

This week's Liturgy theme is:

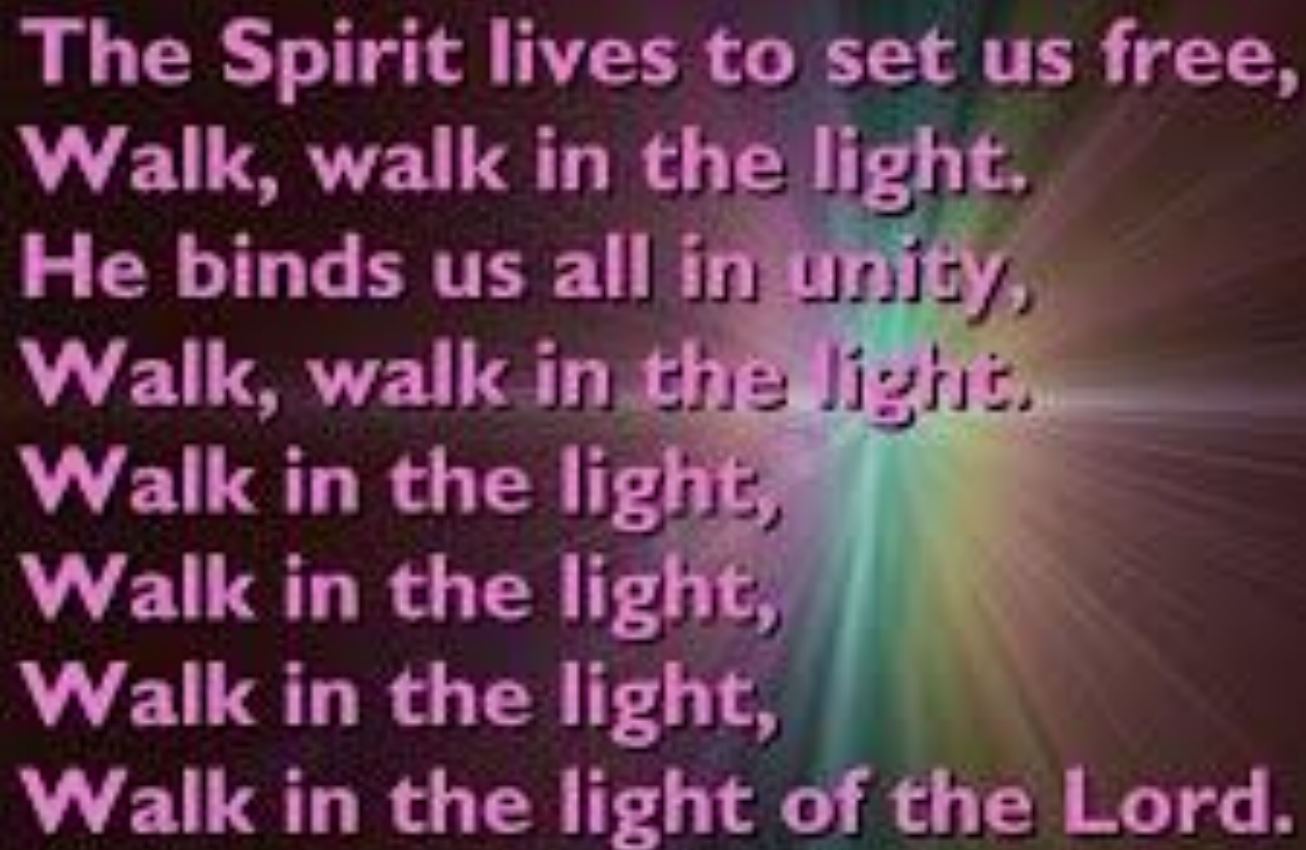


Jesus is Here

Peace be with you
And with your spirit



We light our candle to remind us of Christ's
presence with us as we gather
+In the name of the Father ...



**The Spirit lives to set us free,
Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.**

Today, we hear how two of the disciples went on a journey to a village called Emmaus. Along the way, they met someone really special, although they didn't recognise him at first. Who do you think it was?

Let's find out if you are right...

Opening Prayer

Christ Jesus, our light and our guide, as we travel through life open our eyes to recognise you in everyone that we meet. Open our hearts to share generously with each other.

Amen.

Lord Jesus, you rose from the dead so that we might have life.

Lord, have mercy.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Christ Jesus, You show us the glory of the Father.

Christ, have mercy.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Lord Jesus, You breathe new life into the world.

Lord, have mercy.

LORD HAVE MERCY



Please stand while we listen to the Gospel.

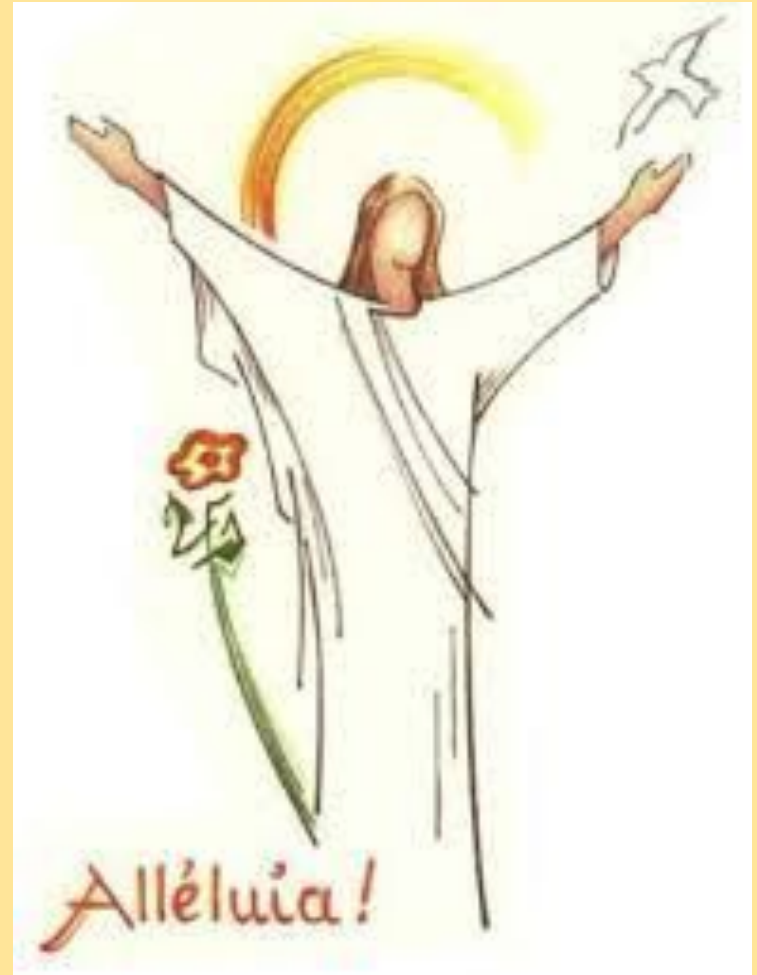
OH ALLE...ALLE



ALLE...ALLE...



LUIA



A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord



On that same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem, and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw him, but somehow did not recognize him. Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?"

They stood still, with sad faces. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have been happening there these last few days?"

"What things?" he asked.

“The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth,” they answered. “This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did. Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified. And we had hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened. Some of the women of our group surprised us; they went at dawn to the tomb, but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

Then Jesus said to them, “How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory?” And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets.

As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; but they held him back, saying, “Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark.” So he went in to stay with them. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, “Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”

They got up at once and went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven disciples gathered together with the others and saying, “The Lord is risen indeed! He has appeared to Simon!”

The two then explained to them what had happened on the road, and how they had recognized the Lord when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Time to reflect on God's words for us
today.



What do you remember from today's reading?

Two disciples are walking along, on their way to a place called Emmaus. Jesus was crucified two days before and the disciples are confused because the women have just come back from Jesus' tomb saying that it is empty. **Why was Jesus' tomb empty?**

The two disciples meet another man along the road and they walk with him.

Who do you think this was? But did the disciples recognise him?

The man explains the Scriptures to the disciples so that they can understand that Jesus is risen from the dead.



Do the disciples recognise him now?

Finally, the disciples persuade the man to come and eat with them.

What happens at the meal?

The man takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and shares it with the disciples. Suddenly they realise who it is.

Why do you think the disciples recognise Jesus now?

Can you think of another time that Jesus broke, blessed and shared the bread?

We are all made in the image of God and Jesus is in each and every person, but often we forget this. We do not take the time to recognise how important and special each person is.



But our eyes can be opened just like the disciples in this story. If we take the time to get to know others, to share food with them, perhaps we will come to see Christ in these people, our brothers and sisters, who are all part of God's family around the world.

How would you behave if you ate with Jesus? What would you say?

And so, if Christ is in each of us, how do you think we should treat each other? The same as we would treat Jesus?

It doesn't matter how different we are to someone else, whether someone is tall or short, has brown skin or white skin, is rich or poor, quiet or loud, Jesus is in us all. And so we are called to love one another as we love Jesus.



Bidding Prayers

We look for Christ in all people we meet as we pray together:

We pray for world leaders: that they may do all that they can to make sure everyone has enough. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may look for Christ in all people and be a welcoming place for all. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may see Christ in all people around the world. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

In the quiet of our hearts, let's say our own prayer to God and pray for peace in our own lives. We ask our Mother Mary to pray with us as we say:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen**



Closing Prayer

Living God, we look for you in all people.
May we be inspired to treat each other with
respect, sharing generously and reaching
out to help those who are in need.

Amen

Our faith in action



This week, let us show the Gospel Value of **integrity**.

You can show integrity by:

- Taking responsibility for your own actions and choices.
- Standing up and speaking out when something is wrong.
- Reflecting and admitting if you are in the wrong.

Our faith in action



This week, let us show the Gospel Virtue of **temperance.**

You can show temperance by:

Not rushing into actions without first considering the consequences.

Thinking twice before saying something that could hurt someone.

Supporting others to make the right choices too.

May God bless us with
his mercy, strengthen
us with his love, and
enable us to walk in
charity and peace.

THANKS BE TO GOD

**+In the name of the
Father ...**

