

**April 20 2020**

**Monday of the Second Week of Easter**  
**Lectionary: 267**

**Reading 1** **ACTS 4:23-31**

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After their release Peter and John went back to their own people  
and reported what the chief priests and elders had told them.

And when they heard it,  
they raised their voices to God with one accord  
and said, "Sovereign Lord, maker of heaven and earth  
and the sea and all that is in them,  
you said by the Holy Spirit  
through the mouth of our father David, your servant:

*Why did the Gentiles rage  
and the peoples entertain folly?  
The kings of the earth took their stand  
and the princes gathered together  
against the Lord and against his anointed.*

Indeed they gathered in this city  
against your holy servant Jesus whom you anointed,  
Herod and Pontius Pilate,  
together with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,  
to do what your hand and your will  
had long ago planned to take place.  
And now, Lord, take note of their threats,  
and enable your servants to speak your word  
with all boldness, as you stretch forth your hand to heal,  
and signs and wonders are done  
through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook,

and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

**Responsorial Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7A, 7B-9**

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R. (see 11d) Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples utter folly?  
The kings of the earth rise up,  
and the princes conspire together  
against the LORD and against his anointed:  
“Let us break their fetters  
and cast their bonds from us!”

R. Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

He who is throned in heaven laughs;  
the LORD derides them.  
Then in anger he speaks to them;  
he terrifies them in his wrath:  
“I myself have set up my king  
on Zion, my holy mountain.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD.

R. Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
this day I have begotten you.

Ask of me and I will give you  
the nations for an inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

You shall rule them with an iron rod;  
you shall shatter them like an earthen dish.”

R. Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

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**Alleluia**COL 3:1

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

If then you were raised with Christ,  
seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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**Gospel**JN 3:1-8

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

He came to Jesus at night and said to him,

“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God,  
for no one can do these signs that you are doing  
unless God is with him.”

Jesus answered and said to him,

“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless one is born from above, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus said to him,

“How can a man once grown old be born again?

Surely he cannot reenter his mother’s womb and be born again, can he?”

Jesus answered,

“Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless one is born of water and Spirit  
he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.  
What is born of flesh is flesh  
and what is born of spirit is spirit.  
Do not be amazed that I told you,  
'You must be born from above.'  
The wind blows where it wills,  
and you can hear the sound it makes,  
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes;  
so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

## April 21 2020

**Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter**

**Lectionary: 268**

### Reading 1 **ACTS 4:32-37**

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The community of believers was of one heart and mind,  
and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own,  
but they had everything in common.

With great power the Apostles bore witness  
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,  
and great favor was accorded them all.

There was no needy person among them,  
for those who owned property or houses would sell them,  
bring the proceeds of the sale,  
and put them at the feet of the Apostles,  
and they were distributed to each according to need.

Thus Joseph, also named by the Apostles Barnabas  
(which is translated "son of encouragement"),  
a Levite, a Cypriot by birth,

sold a piece of property that he owned,  
then brought the money and put it at the feet of the Apostles.

**Responsorial Psalm 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5**

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R. (1a) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The LORD is king, in splendor robed;  
robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

or:

R. Alleluia.

And he has made the world firm,  
not to be moved.

Your throne stands firm from of old;  
from everlasting you are, O LORD.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed:  
holiness befits your house,  
O LORD, for length of days.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

or:

R. Alleluia.

**Alleluia JN 3:14-15**

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R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Son of Man must be lifted up,  
so that everyone who believes in him

may have eternal life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **Gospel** **JN 3:7B-15**

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Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“You must be born from above.’

The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes,

but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes;

so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus answered and said to him,

‘How can this happen?’

Jesus answered and said to him,

“You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?

Amen, amen, I say to you,

we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen,

but you people do not accept our testimony.

If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe,

how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has gone up to heaven

except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,

so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

## **April 22 2020**

**Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter**

**Lectionary: 269**

### **Reading 1** **ACTS 5:17-26**

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The high priest rose up and all his companions,

that is, the party of the Sadducees,

and, filled with jealousy,  
laid hands upon the Apostles and put them in the public jail.  
But during the night, the angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison,  
led them out, and said,  
“Go and take your place in the temple area,  
and tell the people everything about this life.”  
When they heard this,  
they went to the temple early in the morning and taught.  
When the high priest and his companions arrived,  
they convened the Sanhedrin,  
the full senate of the children of Israel,  
and sent to the jail to have them brought in.  
But the court officers who went did not find them in the prison,  
so they came back and reported,  
“We found the jail securely locked  
and the guards stationed outside the doors,  
but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”  
When the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard this report,  
they were at a loss about them,  
as to what this would come to.  
Then someone came in and reported to them,  
“The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area  
and are teaching the people.”  
Then the captain and the court officers went and brought them,  
but without force,  
because they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

**Responsorial Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

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R. (7a) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

or:

R. Alleluia.

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Glorify the LORD with me,  
let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

or:

R. Alleluia.

**Alleluia****JN 3:16**

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R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God so love the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel****JN 3:16-21**

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God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish  
but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,  
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,  
because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

And this is the verdict,  
that the light came into the world,  
but people preferred darkness to light,  
because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light  
and does not come toward the light,  
so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,  
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

## April 23 2020

Thursday of the Second Week of Easter  
Lectionary: 270

### Reading 1ACTS 5:27-33

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When the court officers had brought the Apostles in  
and made them stand before the Sanhedrin,  
the high priest questioned them,  
“We gave you strict orders did we not,  
to stop teaching in that name.  
Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching  
and want to bring this man’s blood upon us.”  
But Peter and the Apostles said in reply,  
“We must obey God rather than men.  
The God of our ancestors raised Jesus,  
though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree.  
God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior  
to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.  
We are witnesses of these things,  
as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”  
When they heard this,  
they became infuriated and wanted to put them to death.

### Responsorial Psalm34:2 AND 9, 17-18, 19-20

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R. (7a) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

or:

R. Alleluia.

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is;

blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
and from all their distress he rescues them.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

Many are the troubles of the just man,  
but out of them all the LORD delivers him.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

or:

R. Alleluia.

### **Alleluia**JN 20:29

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R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;  
blessed are those who have not seen, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **Gospel**JN 3:31-36

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The one who comes from above is above all.

The one who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of earthly things.

But the one who comes from heaven is above all.

He testifies to what he has seen and heard,

but no one accepts his testimony.

Whoever does accept his testimony certifies that God is trustworthy.

For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God.

He does not ration his gift of the Spirit.

The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him.

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life,

but whoever disobeys the Son will not see life,

but the wrath of God remains upon him.

## April 24 2020

**Friday of the Second Week of Easter**

**Lectionary: 271**

### **Reading 1** **ACTS 5:34-42**

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A Pharisee in the Sanhedrin named Gamaliel,

a teacher of the law, respected by all the people,

stood up, ordered the Apostles to be put outside for a short time,

and said to the Sanhedrin, “Fellow children of Israel,

be careful what you are about to do to these men.

Some time ago, Theudas appeared, claiming to be someone important,

and about four hundred men joined him, but he was killed,

and all those who were loyal to him

were disbanded and came to nothing.

After him came Judas the Galilean at the time of the census.

He also drew people after him,

but he too perished and all who were loyal to him were scattered.

So now I tell you,

have nothing to do with these men, and let them go.

For if this endeavor or this activity is of human origin,

it will destroy itself.

But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them;  
you may even find yourselves fighting against God.”

They were persuaded by him.

After recalling the Apostles, they had them flogged,  
ordered them to stop speaking in the name of Jesus,  
and dismissed them.

So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin,  
rejoicing that they had been found worthy  
to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

And all day long, both at the temple and in their homes,  
they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Christ, Jesus.

#### **Responsorial Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14**

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R. (see 4abc) One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?

R. One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

One thing I ask of the LORD

this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD  
and contemplate his temple.

R. One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;

be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

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**Alleluia** **MT 4:4B**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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**Gospel** **JN 6:1-15**

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee.

A large crowd followed him,  
because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick.

Jesus went up on the mountain,  
and there he sat down with his disciples.

The Jewish feast of Passover was near.

When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him,  
he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?"

He said this to test him,  
because he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him,  
"Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough

for each of them to have a little.”

One of his disciples,

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;  
but what good are these for so many?”

Jesus said, “Have the people recline.”

Now there was a great deal of grass in that place.

So the men reclined, about five thousand in number.

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,  
and distributed them to those who were reclining,  
and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples,

“Gather the fragments left over,  
so that nothing will be wasted.”

So they collected them,

and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments  
from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

When the people saw the sign he had done, they said,

“This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.”

Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off  
to make him king,

he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

## **April 25 2020**

**Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist**

**Lectionary: 555**

**Reading 11 PT 5:5B-14**

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Beloved:

Clothe yourselves with humility

in your dealings with one another, for:

*God opposes the proud*

*but bestows favor on the humble.*

So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,

that he may exalt you in due time.

Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you.

Be sober and vigilant.

Your opponent the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion

looking for someone to devour.

Resist him, steadfast in faith,

knowing that your brothers and sisters throughout the world

undergo the same sufferings.

The God of all grace

who called you to his eternal glory through Christ Jesus

will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you

after you have suffered a little.

To him be dominion forever. Amen.

I write you this briefly through Silvanus,

whom I consider a faithful brother,

exhorting you and testifying that this is the true grace of God.

Remain firm in it.

The chosen one at Babylon sends you greeting, as does Mark, my son.

Greet one another with a loving kiss.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

**Responsorial Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17**

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R. (2) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The favors of the LORD I will sing forever;  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”;  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The heavens proclaim your wonders, O LORD,  
and your faithfulness, in the assembly of the holy ones.

For who in the skies can rank with the LORD?

Who is like the LORD among the sons of God?

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;  
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.

At your name they rejoice all the day,  
and through your justice they are exalted.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

**Alleluia1 COR 1:23A-24B**

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R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We proclaim Christ crucified;  
he is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**GospelMK 16:15-20**

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Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them:  
“Go into the whole world  
and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.  
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;  
whoever does not believe will be condemned.  
These signs will accompany those who believe:  
in my name they will drive out demons,  
they will speak new languages.  
They will pick up serpents with their hands,  
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.  
They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”  
Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,  
was taken up into heaven  
and took his seat at the right hand of God.  
But they went forth and preached everywhere,  
while the Lord worked with them  
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

**April 26 2020**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Lectionary: 46**

**Reading 1** **ACTS 2:14, 22-33**

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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.”

**Responsorial Psalm PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11**

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R. (11a) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or:

R. Alleluia.

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. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or:

R. Alleluia.

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. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or:

R. Alleluia.

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. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or:

R. Alleluia.

You will show me the path to life,

abounding joy in your presence,

the delights at your right hand forever.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or:

R. Alleluia.

**Reading 21 PT 1:17-21**

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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.

**AlleluiaLK 24:32**

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R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**GospelLK 24:13-35**

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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.