**JESUS AGAIN APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES**

**3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER**

A reading from the Gospel of Luke (24:35-48)

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

 While the two were telling them this, suddenly the Lord himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

 They were terrified, thinking that they were seeing a ghost. But he said to them, “Why are you alarmed? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet, and see that it is I myself. Feel me, and you will know, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones, as you can see I have.”

 He said this and showed them his hands and his feet. They still could not believe, they were so full of joy and wonder; so he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of cooked fish, which he took and ate in their presence.

 Then he said to them, “These are the very things I told you about while I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms had to come true.”

 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

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