

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter



FULFILLMENT

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin *Missa*, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Sunday (4/18) Mass Schedule

7:00am: *Tony Mello+*

8:15am: *Alicia Andes+, Alice de Melo+, Mary Nicolini+*

9:30am: *Eugene Nunez+*

10:30am: *Maria Pimentel Vargas+*

Weekday Mass Schedule

9:00am/(M): *Tony Mello+*

9:00am/(T): *Tony Mello+*

9:00am/(W): *All Souls*

9:00pm/(Thurs): *All Souls*

9:00am/(F): *All Souls+*

Our in person schedule of Masses are limited to 100 persons. All precautions continue to be followed and all are invited to attend, we do ask that all parishioners register for the weekend Masses at Maria@saint-christophers.com, or by calling 209-745-1389.

Sunday

7:00am & 8:15am - English

9:30am & 10:30am - Spanish

Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday

Thursday – Friday at 9:00am

Current business hours have changed. Mondays - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Closed all day on Fridays. To avoid congestion in the office, we strongly encourage you to make an appointment.

The Parish Gift Shop will be open this Sunday, April 18 and May 2 after the 7am mass until 10:30am. We will also offer a weekday times of Thursday April 29 and Thursday May 13 before and after the 9am masses. We still offer lots of options for those looking for a special gift or religious need. First Communion and Confirmation items. And always on hand are Baptismal gifts, rosaries, medals, pendants, books and many children's books and novelties. Bibles, prayer books, crucifixes, statues and much more! Remember to practice social distancing and wear a mask when you enter the Gift Shop.

The Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading. Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

"Do Something Beautiful for God", how is that for an attention getter? As I was leaving Mass this past Friday and passed the "bulletin table" there it was, a paperback blue book with the smiling face of Mother Teresa! I picked up one and perused it on the way home. Wow, what an unexpected treasure! So my brother and sister parishioners, on your way out after Mass, I encourage you to pick one up for yourself! Blessings. Joyce Skeen, a prior "10 o'clocker".



18 de abril de 2021
Tercer Domingo de Pascua

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Pedro da testimonio a la gente de que Jesús ha sido glorificado y deberán reformar sus vidas (Hechos 3:13-15, 17-19).

Salmo — En ti, Señor, confío. Aleluya (Salmo 4).

Segunda lectura — Jesucristo intercede ante el Padre por nuestros pecados (1 Juan 2:1-5a).

Evangelio — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos y los envía a predicar la penitencia para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 24:35-48).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 119 (118):23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Martes: Hch 7:51 — 8:1a; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Miércoles: Hch 8:1b-8; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Jueves: Hch 8:26-40; Sal 66 (65):8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Viernes: Hch 9:1-20; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Sábado: Hch 9:31-42; Sal 116 (115):12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Domingo: Hch 4:8-12; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

CUMPLIMIENTO

Es interesante que durante el tiempo de Pascua, cuando no escuchamos la lectura del Antiguo Testamento, se vuelve tan importante. Esto es particularmente cierto hoy. El discurso de Pedro comienza con una fórmula de oración familiar a los judíos: "El Dios de Abraham..." (Hechos 3:13). Asimismo contiene las poderosas frases "Santo y Justo" y "boca de todos los profetas" (3:14, 18). Pedro estaba declarando sin lugar a dudas que la ley, los salmos y los profetas se habían cumplido en Cristo. Esto se ve reforzado por el mismo Jesús en el pasaje del Evangelio, cuando dice que todo en la Escritura (para los primeros cristianos "la Escritura" era lo que hoy llamamos el Antiguo Testamento) tenía que cumplirse. Por encima de todo, Jesús y Pedro hacen hincapié en que somos testigos de todo esto, y somos enviados a dar testimonio en el mundo. La palabra missa en latín, significa "enviado" (como "misión"). Al salir de la misa de hoy, recordemos ser testigos de todo lo que se ha cumplido en Cristo resucitado.

