



Small Groups

Parish Community of Saint Helen

Sunday, April 14, 2024 The Third Sunday of Easter

Becoming Witnesses: Resurrection Responses Week 3

Opening Song: [Raise A Hallelujah ~ Saint Helen Band](#)

Opening Prayer (Psalm 4)

Leader: When I call, answer me, O my just God!
You gave me room when I was in distress.

All: Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

Leader: *Let the light of your countenance shine on us,
O Lord! You have put gladness into my heart.*

**All: I will both lie down and sleep in peace,
For you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.
Amen. Alleluia!**

Gospel

Lk 24:36-49

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way,
and how Jesus was made known to them
in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this,
he stood in their midst and said to them,
"Peace be with you."

But they were startled and terrified
and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled?
And why do questions arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.
Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones
as you can see I have."
And as he said this,
he showed them his hands and his feet.
While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed,
he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?"
They gave him a piece of baked fish;
he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them,
"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,
that everything written about me in the law of Moses
and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."
Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.
And he said to them,
"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name
to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things."

Reflection: [Weekend Message ~ Fr. Nick Sertich](#)

Discussion Questions

1. In light of your circumstances, where is the mission field Jesus has sent you?

2. Who are some of the people you can witness to by your life? By your words?
3. Who are the disciples in your life who encourage you to service to Christ?
4. What is the thing that triggers a spiritual crisis for you?
5. What is the closest you have come to “throwing in the towel” and giving up on your relationship with Jesus?
6. What was it that brought you back to faith?

Closing Prayer

Ask for the group intentions ~ *Lord hear our prayer* after each

Glory be to the father,
and to the son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Closing Reflection Song : [Merciful Savior \(One Hope Project\)](#)