



HEY! Listen up!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30, 2017

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

The people of God have always been a pilgrim people. Since the beginning of Lent, we have traced their steps from the garden of Eden to the garden of the empty tomb. It was never a easy journey. It led them through wilderness and through desert. It took them from slavery to the land of promise, to exile and back again. They knew what it was to walk in the valley of the shadow of death. Yet they never traveled unaccompanied. The ever-faithful God revealed his presence to them in fire and cloud, in bread from heaven and water from the rock, and in the word of the prophets.

Their story culminated in the great paschal journey undertaken in their name by Jesus Christ. It is that journey from death to life which we celebrate on all these Sundays of Easter, as today's first readings remind us.

But the journey has not ended. We, the people of God, are still in pilgrimage toward the kingdom of God in its fullness. And it is no easy journey. It sometimes leads us, as it led the first disciples, through the wilderness of doubt and the desert of despair. It takes us from hope to disappointment to confusion and back again. It is a journey marked by the sign of the cross. Yet we, like our forebears, never travel unaccompanied. The Lord whom we follow points out the road through the word proclaimed in our assemblies. He reveals himself as food for the journey in the breaking of the bread.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Third Sunday of Easter.</u> Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Psalm 16/ 1 Peter 1:17-21/ Luke 24:13-35.
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/ Psalm 119/ John 6:22-29.
Tuesday:	<u>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.</u> Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Psalm 31/ John 6:30-35.
Wednesday:	1 Corinthians 15:1-8/ Psalm 19/ John 14:6-14.
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/ Psalm 66/ John 6:44-51.
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/ Psalm 117/ John 6:52-59.
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/ Psalm 116/ John 6:60-69.
Next Sunday	<u>Fourth Sunday of Easter.</u> Acts 2:14a, 36-41/ Psalm 23/ 1 Peter 2:20b-25/ John 10:1-10.

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