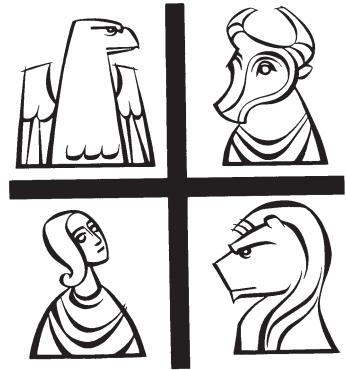


# Reading Luke in Easter



## Gospel of Luke 24:33–49

33 And they found the eleven  
and those who were with them gathered together,  
34 saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’  
35 Then they told what had happened on the road,  
and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

36 As they were talking about these things,  
Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, ‘Peace to you!’  
37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.  
38 And he said to them,  
‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?  
39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see.  
For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’  
40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.  
41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marvelling, he said to them,  
‘Have you anything here to eat?’  
42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,  
43 and he took it and ate before them.  
44 Then 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 the Prophets and the Psalms  
must be fulfilled.’  
45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,  
46 and said to them,  
‘Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,  
47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,  
beginning from Jerusalem.  
48 You are witnesses of these things.  
49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.  
But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.’

## Reflection

Jesus instructed his disciples to say Peace to you whenever they entered a house. Here, Jesus, himself says it and echoes the beginning of the Gospel where his birth was announced with proclamations of peace. Though Jesus has appeared to Simon — the first and last disciple to be named in Luke’s Gospel — Jesus now shows the disciples his resurrected body in three different ways of sight, touch and taste. He then opens their minds to understand the scriptures, to appreciate that through his passion, death and resurrection he is fulfilling the scriptures. He commissions the disciples to preach repentance to all nations from Jerusalem.

- Seeing, touching, tasting — faith comes to us in different ways. How have the senses deepened your faith?

## Prayer

God of all the prophets,  
you fulfilled your promise of old  
that your Christ would suffer and so rise to glory.

Open our minds to understand the Scriptures  
and fill us with joyful wonder  
in the presence of the risen Christ,  
that we may be his witnesses  
to the farthest reaches of the earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
who lives and reigns with you now and always  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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