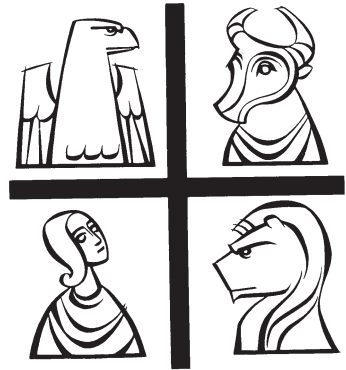


Reading Luke in Easter

Gospel of Luke 24:28 - 33

On the Road to Emmaus II

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going.
He acted as if he were going farther,
29 but they urged him strongly, saying,
'Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.'
So he went in to stay with them.
30 When he was at table with them,
he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.
31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.
And he vanished from their sight.
32 They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road,
while he opened to us the Scriptures?'
33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.



Reflection

At the last supper Jesus gave his disciples the Eucharist as a way of being present to his disciples. There he took the bread, blessed it, broke it and give it to them. Here the disciples recognise that they are in the presence of Jesus, that the guest has become the host. The phrase 'their eyes were opened' reaches back to the beginning of the bible when Adam and Eve recognise what they have done. Here the disciples see redemption.

This is passage began with the two disciples talking to one another in fear and despondency now they wish to share their joy.

- When has your heart burned with joy at receiving the scriptures?

Prayer

O God, worker of wonders,
you made this day for joy and gladness.
Let the risen Lord abide with us this evening,
opening the Scriptures to us
and breaking bread in our midst.

Set our hearts aflame and open our eyes,
that we may see in his sufferings
all that the prophets spoke
and recognise him at this table,
the Christ now entered into glory,
firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.

