



3rd Sunday of Easter

Bible ref: Lk 24:13-35 *And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that, their eyes were opened and they recognized him*

Theme: **Resilience** **Walking with God**



In today's Gospel two disciples are struggling to make sense of the death of Jesus. When a stranger joins them on the road, they tell the story of their disappointment. Jesus, the one they had hoped would set Israel free, is now dead. In their story the death of Jesus cancels out their hope.

Only when they have finished their own story does the stranger begin his own. He invites them to look at the past again as he sees the death of Christ as something which was essential for his glory.

When they go in to table they break bread together, the stranger gives himself away to them. He is the risen Jesus, and he leaves them with hearts that burn and with eyes that see. Not only does he help them to interpret the past in their new experience of him as Lord, he gives them a new future. A future he has given to us if we chose to embrace it.

Lord,

Use these hands to carry the burden.
Use this voice to carry your word.
Use these feet to walk in your footsteps.
Use this heart to transform the world.
Amen

*"A man who walks with God always gets to his destination." -
Henrietta C. Mears*

'I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me.'

Philippians 4:13



In addition, this week let us pray for:

- all those in the Springhill community who are in need of support,
- for the countries of the world, particularly where there is war—that we may bring peace to all the Earth.
- All the children at Springhill—that they have a wonderful, fun filled, educational filled summer term where they continue to thrive,