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24 THURSDAY

THURSDAY of EASTER WEEK

Acts 3: 11-26

Ps 8: 2, 5-9

Luke 24: 35-48

“He opened their minds to understand the scriptures”. That was the Eastertime experience of Jesus’ disciples, on some of the occasions when they saw Him after His resurrection. In the prayer and liturgy of the Church since Holy Thursday last week, we’ve read or listened to man more deeply what we are celebrating. For these scriptures focus in, as Jesus explained, on the basic message that God’s holy one, His chosen Messiah, would suffer pain and death, and would rise from the dead. Not only that, but that in His name people through all the world and time would learn about the healing and salvation He brought for all, about sins being forgiven through change of heart and repentance, about death being overcome, sorrow being turned to joy. And we, His disciples, are to be the messengers and witness of this.

Lord, make us truly your Easter people, joyful in your Resurrection and in our understanding of your Word and Life, sharing with the troubled world around us the good news of your redeeming work.

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