

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



Third Sunday of Easter

14 April 2024 - Year B

**“It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.”**

### Something to Think About

Jesus stood among his disciples and offered them peace. Do you bring peace to your family? To your friends? What can you do this week to be a peacemaker?

### The Story

While the disciples were walking along the road to Emmaus, Jesus appeared to them, but they did not recognise him at first. They recognised Jesus when he broke the bread. As the disciples were talking about this, Jesus appeared to them again. They were afraid and thought they were seeing a ghost, but Jesus showed them his hands and his feet. The disciples were filled with joy to see Jesus. They gave Jesus some fish to eat, and Jesus explained the Scriptures to the disciples.

### The Scriptures

**A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke**

**24:35-48**

Then the disciples from Emmaus told what happened on the road and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread.

While Jesus' disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared to them and said, "May God give you peace!" They were frightened and terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said, "Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt? Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves. Ghosts don't have flesh and bones as you see I have."

After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it.

Jesus then asked them, "Do you have something to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish. He took it and ate it as they watched.

Jesus said to them, "While I was still with you, I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Books of the Prophets, and in the Psalms had to happen."

Then he helped them understand the Scriptures.

He told them: "The Scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer, then three days later he will rise from death. They also say that all people of every nation must be told in my name to turn to God, in order to be forgiven. So beginning in Jerusalem, you must tell everything that has happened."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Video

Click to watch the video: [The Road to Emmaus](#)



## Group Discussion

Close your eyes and remember a time when you were confused or afraid. Maybe you were awake in the middle of the night? Maybe the electricity went out and you were in the dark until someone brought a torch or flashlight.

Imagine how frightened Jesus' friends must have been after they saw him being arrested and killed. When Jesus appeared to his friends again, they could see that he was alive and he explained that he had died so our sins could be forgiven. The disciples went out to tell everyone the wonderful news about God's love and forgiveness.

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Trusting in God's love and encouragement, we pray for the needs of the world.

*Reader 1:* We pray for all world leaders. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2:* We pray for those who comfort us when we are afraid. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3:* We pray for those who are sad. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 4:* We pray for those who prepare food for us to eat. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 5:* We pray that we believe deeply in the love and forgiveness Jesus brings. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.*

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



Dear Jesus,  
Give us eyes to see you  
in the people we meet, and hearts to  
understand your plan for us.  
Amen.

## Group Activity

### A Picnic

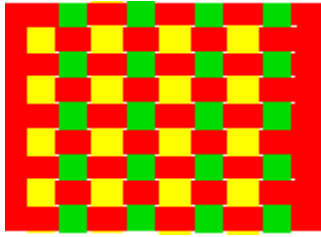
Jesus broke bread with his disciples and talked with them on the road. The disciples gave Jesus some baked fish to eat.

Perhaps you could have a picnic with your family in the backyard or at the park this week.

Today we are going to make a placemat that you could use at your picnic... or even at the dinner table!

Follow the instructions on the page below.

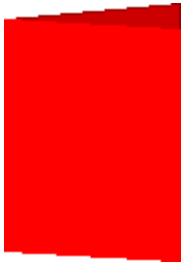




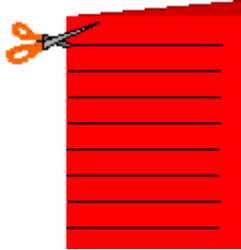
## Make a Placemat

### You will need:

- Three different colours of construction paper
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue or sticky-tape



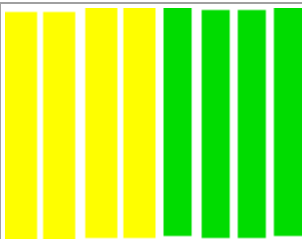
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Fold it in half.



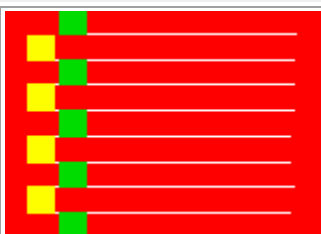
While the paper is folded, take a ruler and draw a series of lines across the fold.  
Do not draw them all the way to the edge - leave about 1 inch at the edge.



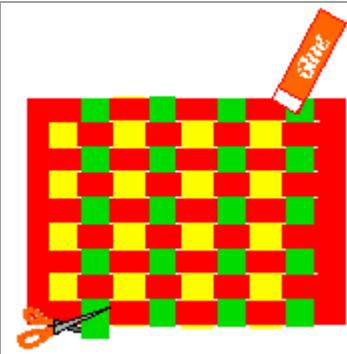
Cut along the lines.  
Then unfold the piece of paper.



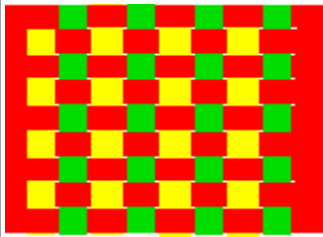
Using other colours of paper, cut many strips of paper about an inch wide, and the same length as the height of the original piece of paper.



Start weaving the strips of paper onto the piece of paper where the lines have been cut.  
Make sure that each new piece of paper is pushed up next to the previously woven piece.



When you have finished weaving, secure each strip of woven paper using glue or sticky-tape.  
Trim the woven edges a bit to make the edges of the place mat look neat.



You can now use your place mat at a picnic with your family, or at the dinner table. Maybe you would like to give it to someone special.

# QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus say to the disciples when he first appeared to them?  
**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why were the disciples frightened?  
**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_
3. When they thought they were seeing a ghost, what did Jesus do?  
**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why did he show them his hands and his feet?  
**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_
5. What message did Jesus want the disciples to tell everyone?  
**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_



# JESUS IS ALIVE

# ANSWERS

1. Jesus ate a piece of baked fish.  
**QUESTION** \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus wanted to show them that he was the same person who was nailed to the cross but who was now alive.  
**QUESTION** \_\_\_\_\_
3. “May God give you peace.”  
**QUESTION** \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus said to tell everyone to turn to God.  
**QUESTION** \_\_\_\_\_
5. They thought they were seeing a ghost.  
**QUESTION** \_\_\_\_\_