**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B**

**Introduction:**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners and visitors to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

The risen Christ appears to the two of his disciples certifying that he is truly alive. Then he gives them the mission to witness to what God has done to his people through his death and Resurrection: In the Risen Savior, God reconciles the whole world to himself. We share this mission of the apostles. Through our confident faith, lively hope, and life-giving love, we witness to people around us that Jesus is truly alive and is present in our day-to-day life.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** **Acts 3:13-15. 17-19**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Peter said to the people: ‘You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life.

God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

‘Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7**

***(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.***

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! ***(R.)***
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. ***(R.)***
3. ‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (***R.)***
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (***R.)***

**SECOND READING  1 Jn 2:1-5**

***A reading from the first letter of St John***

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning;

but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,

and not only ours, but the whole world’s.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, ‘I know him’, and does not keep his commandments,

is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,

God’s love comes to perfection in him.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL   Lk 24:35-48**

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

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you!’ In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, ‘Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.’ And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, ‘This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.’ He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** In the breaking of the bread, Christ Jesus makes himself known to us as our life and resurrection. He sends us to be witnesses to his name. Through him, we present our petition to the Father.

**Reader:** May your Church be a beacon of light helping people who are in darkness to come to know your Son as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May all leaders, by governing with fidelity those entrusted to their care, build nations in peace, brotherhood, and respect for human dignity.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May all consecrated men and women proclaim your resurrection through their lives, their prayer, and their service to others.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Bless our Labor that it may sustain our life on earth and enhance our human dignity. Ease our burden, make our faith strong, and inspire us to put our trust in you.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Bless our relatives and friends, give them constant encouragement, and guide them throughout their lives.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for those who have died and for members of our families and our friends who have gone before us especially those mentioned in our parish bulletin. May the Risen Lord greet them with love and mercy and grant them the happiness of His kingdom.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Together we now pray our parish community prayer for Easter:

**All:** God of power and might, by your holy will you raised Jesus from the dead so that we might share his life eternally. As we rejoice and give you thanks for your great goodness and mercy, help us to reach out to those who do not yet believe in the truth of the gospel. Fill us with your compassion so that we may serve the weak and needy for love of you.

Strengthen the faith of our families so that we may grow together in love. May your joy grow in us day by day.

**Priest:** God our Father, you restored us to yourself through the resurrection of Christ your Son. Hear the prayers of your people and strengthen us in giving witness to our Easter faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.