

Lk24:36 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you."

24:37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.

24:38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

24:39 "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

24:40 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

24:41 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"

24:42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

24:43 And He took it and ate in their presence.

24:44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

24:45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

24:46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

24:47 "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

24:48 "And you are witnesses of these things.

24:49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

24:50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

24:51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

24:52 And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

24:53 and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

[From today's sermon.

We are reading about the disciples after the Lord's resurrection.

The words of the Lord's disciples are as follows: "Oh, you who, because of your foolishness and niggardliness of heart, cannot believe all that the prophets have preached! Did not Christ surely suffer these things and enter into His glory?" we took Jesus' words to heart last week. How much longer did it take them to "open their eyes and see that it was Jesus?" How could they have waited so long to realize that the Lord was right next to them? But as Jesus said, "When He spoke to you on the way and when He preached the Scriptures to you, your hearts

burned within you," He continues to speak His words today to awaken our eyes, to open our insensitive eyes to the truth and His will. Jesus also spoke in today's passage.

Jesus opened their hearts to understand the Scriptures and said, "Thus it is written, 'Christ suffered and died three days. "Jesus opened their hearts to understand the Scriptures, saying, 'Thus it is written: 'Christ will suffer and rise again from the dead on the third day, and in his name will forgive sins. And repentance shall be preached in his name for the remission of sins unto all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things."

The Lord lifted His hands to heaven, blessed the disciples, and left them. They returned to Jerusalem with great joy, no longer afraid. They continued their testimony in joy, even in fear.

Good morning everyone. The long winter has passed and we are enjoying the cherry blossoms and the good season. The temperature in the mornings and evenings drops to 0 degrees Celsius, and in the afternoons, it even gets over 25 degrees Celsius, making us want to use a fan.

Easter. We rejoiced in the resurrection of the Lord. But 2000 years ago, at the time of the Lord's resurrection, that wonderful event seemed like a joke. The disciples were perplexed. They did not know that Jesus was with the two men on the road to Emmaus, and their eyes were closed.

We have been reading the events that gradually opened the dull eyes of the disciples, who had been blinded by the presence of Jesus, not knowing that He was there.

He is not here. He is risen. Remember what He told you when He was still in Galilee.

But to the apostles it seemed foolish talk, and they did not believe it.

While they were talking and arguing, Jesus himself approached them and walked with them. But their eyes were blocked and they could not recognize Him.

Then Jesus said, "Oh, you who are foolish and slow of heart and cannot believe all that the prophets have taught you! Was not Christ surely going to suffer these things and enter into His glory?"

When He sat down at the table with them, He took bread, blessed it, and gave it to them,

Their eyes were opened and they saw that it was Jesus. Then they could no longer see Him. And they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us when He spoke to us on the road and when He preached the Scriptures to us? And they immediately got up and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven disciples and their companions gathered, They said, "The Lord has indeed risen and appeared to Simon.

Here we have a chain of appearances of the Lord, a chain of works, a chain of speaking. And their eyes, which were foolish and slow of heart, were finally opened, and they finally came to believe that "the Lord had indeed risen...and appeared. And in today's passage, the Lord appeared to the disciples.

24:35 And the two of them told him what had happened on the way, and how they had recognized Him by the way He was offering the bread.

24:36 While they were talking, Jesus stood up in the midst of them. And he said, "Go in peace.

Jesus, who met us on the way to Emmaus, and also met Peter in Jerusalem. The Lord's disciples, who had been scattered and almost torn apart, were gathered back together again at the Lord's coming, and as they were testifying about the Lord, Jesus stood in the middle of them. He stood in the middle of them and said, "Peace be with you.

Our fellowship, the fellowship of the church, is the same today as it was 2,000 years ago, the fellowship of those who believe in the Lord and His resurrection, who gather together to support and help one another and talk about the Lord, without being discouraged. In the course of our lives, how the Lord lives and walks with us, how He reveals His Word to us and encourages us, how He leads our lives with blessings and encouragement, and how we testify not to the Lord who is dead and unable to work, but to the resurrected Lord who lives and works. That is our fellowship. And while they are there, the Lord stands in the middle of them and says, "Peace be with you," and peace be upon you.

Today, in this place where we gather centering on the Lord and worship Him, the Lord is also in the center and says to us, "Peace be with you. Here is true peace. Where the Lord is, there is true peace and protection.

John 14:27 I leave you peace. I give you my peace. I give it to you differently than the world

gives it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be dismayed; for I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

John (NLT) 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, but as I give unto you. I do not give it as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid.

John (New Translation) 14:27 I leave you peace. I give you my peace. What I give you is different from what the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid.

The peace of the Lord, which the world cannot give, is with us.

24:37 And they were afraid and astonished, and thought they were seeing spirits.

24:38 Then Jesus said to them, "Why are you perplexed? 24:38 And Jesus said to them, "Why are you perplexed, and why does doubt arise in your heart?"

24:39 Look at my hands and my feet. 24:39 Look at my hands and my feet; it is very me. Touch me and see. For the spirit has no flesh and bones, but I have them, as you see.

24:40 [Thus saying, he showed them his hands and his feet].

It seems somewhat ridiculous, but I guess this is the weakness of our hearts.

The Lord says, "Why do you let doubt arise in your heart?" This means, "Why do thoughts arise in your heart? Worry, anxiety, fear, doubt, anguish, resentment, unbelief...these are all thoughts that arise in our hearts. There are many thoughts that well up in our hearts. But the Lord is here. Why do we allow our minds to become clouded and sink in the presence of the Lord because of these thoughts? Why are we afraid?"

In Hymn 651 (New Chant 474), there is a hymn, "He leadth me! It is number 294 in the hymnal.

He leadth me!

Why should I be afraid or run away

What a blessing it is to leave everything in the Lord's gentle hands

What a blessing to be able to travel

Sometimes it rains, sometimes it winds

Sometimes it's the rain, sometimes it's the wind, sometimes it's the rain, sometimes it's the

wind

Putting everything in the hands of the kind Lord
What a blessing to be able to travel

How long will I walk, how far will I go
It's up to the Lord to do His will
Leave everything in the Lord's tender hands
What a blessing to be able to travel

I can walk on the great river that no one else can reach
With the Lord's help, I can cross it without any trouble
Leave everything in the Lord's tender hands
What a blessing to be able to travel

"He leadeth me !"

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

2 Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. Refrain

3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. Refrain

4 And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. Refrain

To be able to travel and leave everything in the hands of our gentle Lord,
What a blessing.

We can put all the things that come into our minds under our feet and stop our eyes on Jesus,
who loves us, without any thoughts or rancor.

24:38 Then Jesus said, "Why are you perplexed? Why do you doubt in your heart?"

24:39 Look at my hands and my feet. 24:39 Look at my hands and my feet; it is really me.
Touch me and see. For the spirit has no flesh and bones, but I have them, as you see.

24:40 [Thus saying, he showed them his hands and his feet].

24:41 And while they were still in joyful wonder and disbelief, Jesus said, "Do you have any
food here?"

24:42 He gave them a piece of fish that they had roasted,

24:43 Jesus took it and ate it in front of everyone.

The Lord certainly displayed His resurrection life and His body before the disciples with His
physical body. He showed us His substantial presence.

Let us also believe in Him who has substance.

24:44 Then He said to them, "These are the words that I spoke to you when I was with you
before. 24:44 Then He said to them, "These are the words that I spoke to you in the days that
I was with you before, saying, 'Whatever is written about me in the Law of Moses, in the
Prophets, and in the Psalms, will be fulfilled.

24:45 Then Jesus opened their hearts to understand the Scriptures.

24:46 He said, "Thus it is written. Christ will suffer, and on the third day he will rise from
the dead.

24:47 And repentance shall be preached in his name for the remission of sins unto all nations,
beginning at Jerusalem.

24:48 And you are witnesses of these things.

As verse 45 says, Jesus opened their hearts to realize the Scriptures.

Let us surrender our hearts and our whole being to the Lord who opens the eyes of the dull heart and opens our hearts. The heart is not our own, but the seat of our weak, dull, insensitive and disheartened hearts that are unable to realize the Lord's grace, and open them before God, or else, the Bible says, we cannot realize the Word if our heart remains a boiling place of trouble and confusion.

Jesus opens our hearts. He speaks the Word, thickening and burning our hearts, encouraging us, and showing us the reality of God's power over the real world. How can we remain in fear without opening our eyes to that reality?

We are told, "Thus it is written, 'Christ suffered and died three days. Christ will suffer, and on the third day he will rise from the dead.

24:47 And repentance shall be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, in his name for the remission of sins.

24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

So that we too may be generous bearers of God's grace, which makes us children of God with forgiveness of sins and eternal life, with infinite blessings and grace beyond reality.

24:49 Behold, I present to you that which my Father has promised. Therefore, remain ye in the city until ye are endowed with power from above."

24:50 Then Jesus brought them near to Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them.

24:51 While He was blessing them, He left them and lifted them up to heaven.

24:52 And they [worshipped Jesus] and returned with great joy to Jerusalem,

24:53 And they were in the temple continually, praising God.

Their power over reality was promised to them by the Holy Spirit, who becomes a living river in our hearts, causing joy and wisdom to spring forth. And it was realized on the day of Pentecost.

Their fear was transformed into joy, and with great joy they returned to Jerusalem, the center

of the persecution, and remained in the Temple, the center of the persecution, continuing to be witnesses of Jesus. This is an amazing empowerment of God.

I hope that we too will be separated from the thoughts of our minds, be released from our hearts that are filled with various thoughts, open our hearts, be led from Word to Word, have the Lord stand at the center of our hearts, receive peace and comfort, and respond to His command, "You are witnesses of these things. Prayer: Prayer: Prayer of our Father in heaven.

Prayer; Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. Thank you for the grace of your resurrection, which removes fear, doubt, and anxiety, and fills us with joy. Thank you that you guide us with incredible joy and make us live in the midst of the real world with great joy. Please guide all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.