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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2013

Collect:

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection:

This Collect is full of exuberance and confidence. It calls to mind the exuberance and confidence of the disciples as they focus on following God rather than the desires of the officials around them who are afraid.

We are renewed in our spirit to look forward to all that will come. Our youth and young adults bring a great deal of idealism to the Church and the world. They are adventurous and committed deeply to the ties of friendship that bind them together. They have no way of knowing what the future may hold, and yet they face it with hope each and every day.

We are reminded that we are the adopted sons and daughters of the Lord, an adoption that is glorified through the Resurrection of Christ. As adopted children, we are accepted by the Lord with all of our personal joys and challenges. Adoption brings us in this life the new hope and new life that the resurrection will bring us in the next life.

In this reality, we are called to be hopeful and idealistic in following the Lord each day. We should not worry about the future, but must trust in the ultimate joy of the resurrection. There are many fears that can hold us back from serving as God has called us to serve. Like the youth around us, we must believe in the presence of our risen Lord. We must face the future with idealism. We must exult in the Lord!

Prayer:

Loving Father, renew me each day for the joys and challenges that are ahead. Grant me eternal hope in your Resurrection that I may follow where you lead.

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