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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 2014

Prayer after Communion:

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Reflection:

This seemingly simple prayer encompasses the fullness and foundation of our Christian faith: our joy and hope and belief in the resurrection. The eternal mysteries of our faith include: the Trinity, the incarnation, the Paschal Mystery, salvation, transubstantiation, the Immaculate Conception, and more. All of these mysteries find their meaning and culmination in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We are a resurrection people. We do, indeed, live for ever. This is more than belief that the soul will live for ever; we believe that at the general resurrection of Christ's second coming somehow our bodies will be united with our souls. We profess this belief in the Nicene Creed: "I believe in . . . the resurrection of the body."

Resurrection is a way of living, of witnessing to our belief that we already have something of the future in the present. We are already living new risen life because we have a relationship with God – we are children of the living God. Confidence in resurrection means that we live this life in a way that infuses it with the life that is to come. We forgive; we are peacemakers. We reach out to others in love and patience and charity. We share our resurrected life with others. This is how we live as a resurrection people.

Prayer:

Gracious God, you gift us with faith in the resurrection; may we be with you in glory for ever.

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