

## PROPHET ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS TURNED PRIEST IN THE HOUSE

Luke 24:13-35

The Gospel story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect dramatization of our liturgy. On the road Jesus joins the disciples as the prophet. He speaks on behalf of God, leading the disciples to a deeper understanding of the scriptures that were about himself. As Catholics this has connotations of the Liturgy of the Word where we gather to listen to the Word of God and hear the Minister of the Word take us deeper into understanding of the scriptures.

Then when Jesus and the disciples arrive at their destination, Jesus, the prophet becomes High Priest who takes bread, blesses, breaks and shares it with his companions. What we see here is a double nourishment. The disciples are nourished and empowered by the Word they have been made to listen to and digest; and the bread they have shared. It is that empowerment that enables them to rush out to share the good news of Jesus's resurrection with the rest of their community. Which means that Mass is not complete until we reach out. "Go out to proclaim the Good News!"

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