

EASTER THURSDAY

Luke 24:35-48

“Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in our hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed”

Many of us may struggle to take in the good news of Easter, to really believe it. We may find it easier to identify with the Passion than with the Resurrection. We can easily connect with the suffering of Jesus because we have experienced some suffering ourselves. Like the disciples we stand before the good news of Easter, struggling to believe. We need time to recognize that the risen Lord is indeed among us, saying to us what he said to his disciples, “Peace be with you.” He offers us that special peace of mind and heart which is put into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. As we receive this gift of his love he sends us out as agents of forgiveness, as peacemakers, just as he sent out the disciples in the gospel.