

Thoughts by Sr. Jo Ann

Easter Sunday - Luke 24:13-35

We have arrived here on Easter morning. Alleluia! We have journeyed with Jesus and the Disciples through the villages on the roads and into Jerusalem. And now have come to this: The Passion, the Death, the Burial and the Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. Just as Lazarus was called forth from his tomb, so to Jesus is set free with the words "He is Risen, set him free". And with that call we are all set free, no longer bound by our own inequities, our fears, and our own blindness. We too can announce with the blind man, "I once was blind, but now I see". Alleluia!

Can we see clearly now? Did these days of Lent give us insight?

Let us look at the Gospel for today, recalling the walk on the road to Emmaus. The disciples were leaving Jerusalem recalling "all the things that have taken place." This Stranger strolls along beside them wondering what all happened in Jerusalem. A Stranger? Who was this Stranger? A Stranger who then interprets for the disciples all the Old Testament scriptures which pertain to the Messiah. As He spoke to them on the way, their hearts began to burn, to be touched, to be opened. A revelation begins.

"Stay with us, stay, it is nearly evening". A stranger no longer. While they were at table, He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. With this their eyes are opened. Once blind but now they see. In some of the Gospel stories we hear Jesus say, "don't tell anyone" ...What was once urged to be kept secret, is now to be revealed. The work of God has begun. They hurried back to Jerusalem, to tell Peter and the rest what had happened to them on the road. And how they recognize Him in the breaking of the bread.

What happened here this day? What took place on the road? Did anything happen to us this Lent? Did you recognize Jesus in the breaking of your bread?