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Today, another day of the Octave of Easter.
Another day of the resurrection.
Another day of joy.

And I hope that all of us, we keep that joy of the resurrection within us, that it still kind of moves us and helps us to live those days, you know, within this joy and really with the, you know, keeping that event of the resurrection of Christ within us.

Today, as we continue, as we read the readings, we continue the story from yesterday from John and Peter and John going into the temple and performing a miracle in the name of Christ, and then the disciples who, who go from Emmaus, who return to Jerusalem to share the news.

And again, Jesus comes to them, as He comes to us today. And it is interesting because the disciples who performed the miracle in the name of Christ, they speak to the people and they say, “Yeah, we,” and they say, “Yes, we are witnesses of all those things that had taken place, we are witnesses of the resurrection of Christ.”

And then Jesus repeats, says those words to the disciples as well. He says, “You are witnesses of these things. You are witnesses that I am alive, that I have conquered death.”

That’s why the first gift that Jesus gives to His disciples, and to us as well after His resurrection, is the gift of peace. He does not come to reproach them, to scold them. But when He appears to them, when He comes to them, He says, “Peace be with you.”

We know that this is the peace that is very different from what the world can offer. And this is exactly what Christ said to the disciples: “My peace, I give to you. Not as the world gives to you, I give it to you.”

That peace that is fulfillment of all our desires, of all our longings, this is what the Lord gives to us.

That's why, in those days, in those moments where we may be also startled and terrified and we might not understand everything, the Lord comes with the gift of His peace.

Peace that comes to us through the Church, through the sacraments, through the forgiveness of our sins as well.

That's why St. Peter was saying to the people, "Repent from your sins. Go back to the Lord."

And, you know, in the prayer of absolution during confession, the words are, "And may the Lord give you pardon and peace." Pardon and peace. This is always the gift that comes through the forgiveness of sins, and really Christ has done this work for us.

And this is the joy that we can experience today as well.

And so, He is coming to us. He wants to partake this meal with us. He says, "Have you here anything to eat?"

But ultimately, it is He who gives us to eat. He gives us Himself to eat, His very flesh, His very blood. And through this, we receive life.

So once again, let us rejoice today in this day of the resurrection. Let us proclaim, you know, our gratitude and our joy, and let us enter into this celebration knowing that the Lord invites us to His table of plenty.