

Discussion Questions

How do Christ's transfigured wounds become real to me in prayer? How do His weakness and wounds find expression in any kind of ministry I am involved in?

How do the tasks I carry out in this present age bear witness to Christ crucified and risen?

Do I conceive of mission, both in my own life and in the Church, in terms of results or of fruit - a fruit that only God can give? What do I think is the difference between these two ways of looking at mission?

How do we judge that we should continue participating in a ministry or mission? Is it the fruit that is born in others, or the fruit that is born in us?

Series 3 Upcoming Dates

Saturday retreat, March 16, 9am-3:30pm, Brownstein Hall

Monday April 8, 7pm, Brownstein Hall

For Further Reading

Mother Mary Francis, "But I Have Called You Friends"

Cluny Media, 2022 - 124 pages

Madeleine Delbrel, We, the Ordinary People of the Streets

Eerdmans, 2000 - 288 pages

God Is Here Series 3, Part 3



Christ the King Invites Us to SERVE God with Him

The Word of God

Clothed with power from on high: Luke 24:36-39

As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high."

Series 3 Prayer

O God, who have sent the power of the Gospel like leaven into the world, grant that your faithful, whom you have called to live amid the world and its affairs, may be fervent with the Christian spirit and, through the tasks they carry out in this present age, may constantly build up your Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

–Collect for the Laity

Voices of the Church

"After Christ had completed his mission on earth, it still remained necessary for us to become sharers in the divine nature of the Word. We had to give up our own life and be so transformed that we would begin to live an entirely new kind of life.... This was something we could do only by sharing in the Holy Spirit.... [T]he Spirit changes those in whom he comes to dwell; he so transforms them that they begin to live a completely new kind of life." (St. Cyril of Alexandria, Commentary on the Gospel of John, 5th century)

"It is he: the Spirit of truth, the Paraclete sent by the Risen Christ to transform us into his own risen image." (St. John Paul II, Encyclical Letter Dominum et vivificantem)