

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

“Christ Among Us”

Luke 24:36b-48

Luke 24: 41-43 Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Dear Brother Jesus, Dear Christ now Risen -
We are always asking you for things, it seems.
Someone wants healing from illness.
Someone needs freedom from addiction.
The nations cry for peace.
The groaning planet sighs for relief.
For these we pray in our requests,
We pray also that we will recognize
You when you give us these things - healing, freedom, peace, relief.

But hey there Jesus, hey there Christ now Risen,
Here is how we will actually-factually recognize you.
One day, You will come to us.
We’ll be sitting together,
(probably wondering aloud where you’ve gotten to now)
and there you’ll be.

You’ll say, “Do you have anything to eat here, siblings?”

That day, you might be in one of your
disconcerting disguises, brother Jesus.
You might not smell good or speak our language.
You might not look like us or think like us.

But this is how you let us know
That we can recognize you.
Because you will ask us, like this,
“Don’t you have anything to eat here?”
And all we will be able to say is yes, yes, yes.
And then, Oh! It’s you!