

Sunday 14 April 2024 Third Sunday of Easter – *We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song [Augustine]*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

LIFT UP THE LIGHT OF YOUR FACE ON US, O Lord **or** ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

*We hear echoes of Christ on the Cross. His Resurrection allows us to turn confidently to God with our needs.
In our Easter joy we need to pray for people who lack hope, who despair, who find it difficult to trust.*

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

*Remembering God's love for us in the Easter sacraments, how will we express our love for him in prayer?
Let us simply thank God for that relationship which means we are sure he listens to us whenever we call.*

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

*Thank God for the Easter joy and happiness that sustains us throughout the year
Pray for people across the world, especially anyone you know, who cannot find happiness in their lives.*

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

*Take a moment to simply rest in the peace of the Risen Christ, our safe refuge.
Think of all those in places of war and conflict, of fear and division. Ask the Risen Lord to be with them.*