

**MASS OF THE DAY**  
**HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**  
*Saint Peter's Square*

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[...] It is the first announcement: "He is Risen". And then the confusion, the closed hearts, the apparitions. But the disciples stayed locked in the Upper Room the entire day because they were afraid that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. The Church does not cease to say before our losses, our closed and fearful hearts: "Stop, the Lord is Risen". But if the Lord is Risen, why is it that these things happen? Why is it that there is so much adversity: illness, human trafficking, human slavery, war, destruction, mutilation, vengeance, hatred? Where is the Lord then? [...]