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THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

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Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the risen Lord Jesus be with you all.
All: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

All: and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

All: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

P: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

All: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

All: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN . . . "The Day of Resurrection!" vs 1, 3

Text: John of Damascus - Tune: German melody - Cranberry Book #361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!

INVOCATION

P: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

The God who created the world and fills it with life is with you all.

All: And also with you.

KYRIE



L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.



L: For the peace that comes from a - bove, For the



heal - ing of our bro - ken - ness and sin, Let us



pray, Let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.



L: For the peace of all God's cre - a - tion, For the



u - ni - ty of all God's peo - ple, Let us



pray, Let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.



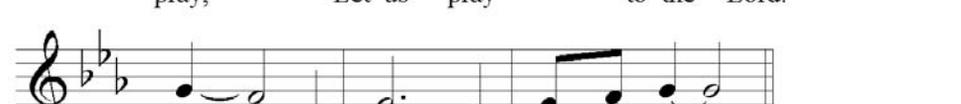
L: For this ho - ly house of God, For all who



of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, Let us



pray, Let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.



L: Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us gra - cious Lord.



All: A - - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Cre - a - ted for a life to - geth - er, we
With sun and moon and stars of hea - ven we



come a - live in you. Now, in your fel - low - ship you
name you as our light; In mor - ning star and pas - chal

birth us, and give us life a - new. To - day we
 can - dle You make our darkness bright. In wind or

come to sing your prais - es; Our hearts made one in
 calm, in storm or sun - shine the earth sings forth your

song to Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit in
 praise; With trees and fields and flow - ing ri - ver we

whom we all be - long. We
 owe you all our days. We

sing to the God of sun-rise, of kindled hearts and emp - ty
 sing to our God who knows us in joy or sor - row, pain or

tomb. We sing to the God of sha - dows, of shat - tered
 pleasure. We sing to our God now with us, Im - man - u -

dreams and bar - ren womb; We sing to our God of
 el, our price - less treasure; We sing to our God of

1.
 Love! With sun and

2.
 Love! We sing to our God of Love!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

All: **Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . *“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”*

GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

READING . . . *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

Today’s reading is the conclusion of Peter’s sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may

be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: *The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the Twenty-fourth chapter.*

All: Glo - ry to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL . . . Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus’ appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to

them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



All: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . Pastor Tim



Please Stand

SONG . . . "The Risen Christ" vs. 1, 2, 3

Text: Nigel Weaver - Tune: Walter Greatorex - Cranberry Book #390



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide,
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.

Be Seated

HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

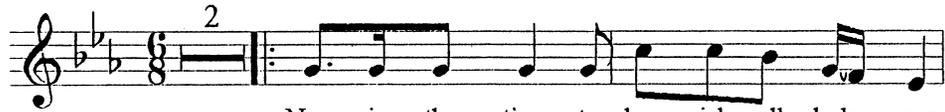
L: God is our chosen portion, the cup of our salvation, the bread of life.

All: Let us share our gratitude for God's gift of everlasting presence as we share a portion of God's many abundant gifts with a world in need of the Easter miracle.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



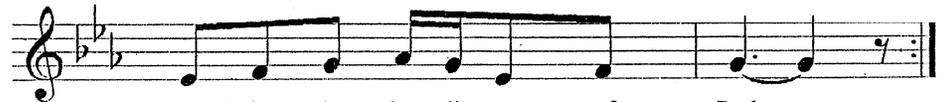
Now is the time to ban - ish all dark - ness;
Here we are made to shine in God's glo - ry.



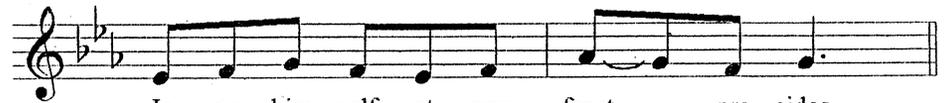
Christ is our way, our truth and light.
Here we're made whole as the bo - dy of Christ.



Come to the Lord's fes - tive ta - ble
Here we be - come a liv - ing of - fer - ing—



clothed in the ho - li - ness of God.
ho - ly com - mun - ion in Christ.



Je - sus him - self at our feast pre - sides.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Our hearts are glad, O God, as we rejoice in your Easter miracle.

All: We come with gratitude and joy for the many gifts you have given, but most of all for the gift of Christ.

L: Bless these gifts we return to you, that they may become gifts of new life to those who are haunted by signs of death: despair, poverty, sorrow, violence and loneliness.

All: Help us live the Easter miracle that we may ourselves be signs of resurrection hope for the other. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. We pray for the church. Remove all that hinders us from sharing your love. Raise up faithful preachers and teachers to lead your people. Heal our divisions. Unite us at your table. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For the earth. Protect animals whose environments are endangered. Bring bountiful sunshine and sufficient rainfall for fields, pastures, and orchards. Bless those whose labors bring food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For those in need. Draw near to those who have lost hope. Provide food for the hungry and shelter for those who need safe housing. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For this assembly. Empower our ministries of outreach and hospitality. Strengthen the newly baptized and those who mentor them. Bless those who set the table for the holy meal. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

All: And al - so with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this

for the remembrance of me." Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

All: Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread!

All: We come to the table of the risen Christ where we are known and loved.

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table
after the Lamb of God is sung.

Be Seated



THE LAMB OF GOD

3
Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh
1.
mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,
2.
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.
Grape juice is white, wine is red
If you desire communion brought to you,
please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN . . . "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Text: Omer Westendorf - Tune: Robert E. Kreutz - Cranberry Book #484

Refrain
You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.
Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' - n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Text: Latin Hymn - Tune: European tune - Cranberry Book #470

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament. May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.

All: Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

on you and give you peace.

All: A - men

SENDING OUT HYMN . . . “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” vs 1, 5

Text: Brian A. Wren - Tune: T. Williams - Cranberry Book #389

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and
prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in Easter Peace and Joy!

All: Thanks be to God!

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . **SENDING**

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless and keep you, make
his face shine up - on you, May the Lord smile up -



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