



On 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.

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

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PRELUDE . . . *“On the Journey to Emmaus”*
– *Leilani Camara and Dean Sieglaff*

WELCOME

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.

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

All: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We enter a virtual gathering space once again this season.

All: We worship together in spirit and in truth, though not in person.

L: We pray, sing, and listen to God's Word despite the fear that pervades our community.

All: We trust Christ's peace, a peace given freely, despite our doubts and fears.

L: We know the Holy Spirit is among us, blowing with a hopeful wind of change.

All: We feel the presence of Christ, the one who died and rose again, and brings us eternal life.

L: We submit to God's leading in this time of transformation.

All: We experience the joy of Easter morning when we celebrate all God has in store for us.

THANKSGIVING FOR 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.

All: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.

All: Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

P: All life is sustained by you, our Source.

All: We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

P: Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever.

All: Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.

All: Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

AN EASTER LITANY . . . You Break In

L: You break in, O God, on the road

All: You break in, O God, exactly the way we don't believe

L: You break in, O God, and change everything

All: You break in, O God with a call

L: You break in, O God with an invitation

All: You break in, O God with the truth

L: You break in, O God with a new realm

All: You break in, O God with a new world

L: You break in, O God with your intent for the future

All: God, break in again and call us to be your workers

L: God, break in again and use the gifts we are to build your realm

All: God, break in again and change our world once more.

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.

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

L: Listen for the word that stands the test of time. Listen for the word that lives and moves among us.

All: We will listen for the word that God is speaking to us this day.

GOSPEL . . . *Luke 24:13-35*

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.

L: Jesus our Guide, you explained the scriptures and revealed yourself to the disciples at Emmaus.

All: Now, by your Spirit, enlighten our minds to understand their witness and ignite our hearts to receive you in our lives. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Bishop Mark W. Holmerud*

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have.

All: They offered their company, their table, their bread.

L: We invite you to be with us, Jesus, as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts.

All: May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us, now and always. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For the diverse natural world: for jungles, prairies, forests, valleys, mountains, and for all the wild and endangered animals who call these spaces home, that they are nurtured and protected. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For broken systems we have inherited and that we continue to perpetuate, forgive us. Restrain the nations from fighting over limited resources. Redeem us from the cycles of scarcity and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For all who call upon your healing name, give rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

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BENEDICTION

P: Go now as those who have met with Christ in the morning of this day.

All: We go now as ones who hearts have burned within us, as the Scriptures were explained.

P: Go now as those who have been touched by resurrection.
And may the blessing of God be upon you, body, mind
and spirit.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in
peace. Share the good news.

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia

POSTLUDE . . . *“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”*
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SINGING BOWL

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