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 Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,


 Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.


 Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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April 19, 2026 + Third Sunday of Easter

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 +

Prelude

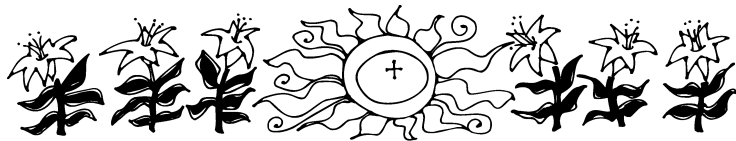
(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





The Third Sunday of Easter

Easter Acclamation

The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed!

You know that you were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ,
Like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Confession and Forgiveness

Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death,
the ruler of all the kings of the earth.

He loves us, and by his blood he set us free from our sins.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

(Let us take a moment of silence for reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,

we confess to you that we are dead in trespasses and sins.

We have failed to heed your word or trust your promises;

we have not recognized your Son in the pathways of our lives.

**In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve,
for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from
your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver and gold,
but with the precious blood of Christ,
like that of the lamb without defect or blemish.

In him we have forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead.

If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, dwells in you,
then the One who raised Christ from death
will also give life to your mortal bodies.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Holy One,

**through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.**

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.**

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Benediction

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

#377



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|---|----------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Al - le - lu - ia! | Je - sus | is | ris - en! |
| 2 | Walk - ing the way, | Christ | in the | cen - ter |
| 3 | Je - sus the vine, | we | are the | branch - es; |
| 4 | Weep - ing, be gone; | sor - row, | be | si - lent: |
| 5 | Cit - y of God, | Eas - ter | for - ev - er, | |



| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Trum - pets | re - sound - ing | in | glo - ri - ous | light! |
| tell - ing | the sto - ry | to | o - pen | our eyes; |
| life in the | Spir - it | the | fruit of the | tree; |
| death put a - sun - der, | and | Eas - ter | is | bright. |
| gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, | | Je - sus | the | Lamb, |



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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Distribution Hymn *We Come to the Hungry Feast* #479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Opening Hymn *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* #384



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

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Opening Litany

Christ came to earth to walk among his people.
And the light of his life has been revealed to all the world.
 He travelled with purpose and taught others the way.
And our minds have been enlightened by his words.
 He headed for Gethsemane and on to Calvary.
And our spirits were impassioned by his sacrifice.
 He stepped forth from the tomb on Easter morning.
And our souls have been awakened to resurrection life.
 He appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus.
And now our hearts are burning with the bright hope of heaven.

He entered into the lives of those who believe in him.
And his love is warming all our future days.

Apostolic Greeting


Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

ELW setting 8

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

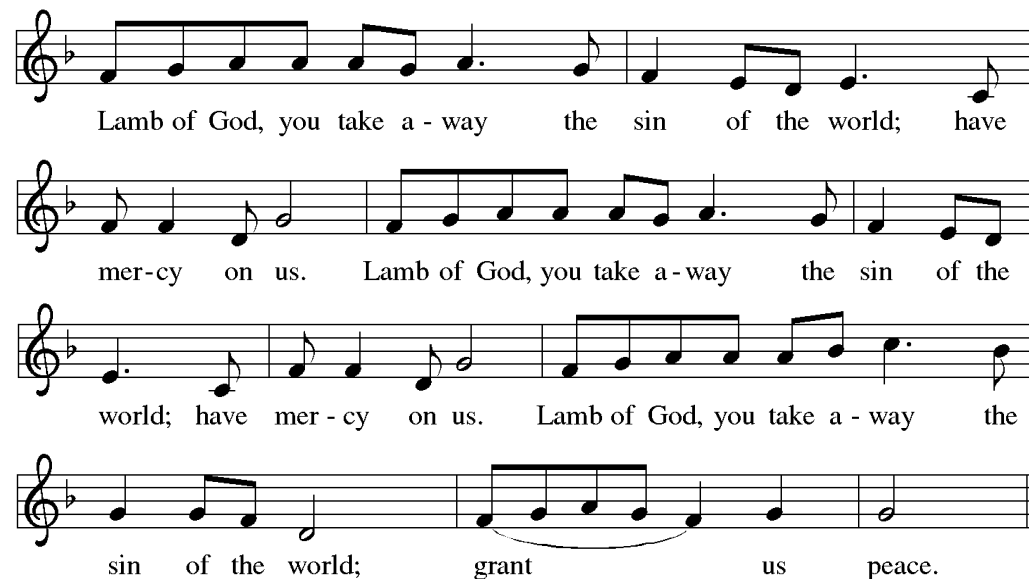


u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

ELW setting 3



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

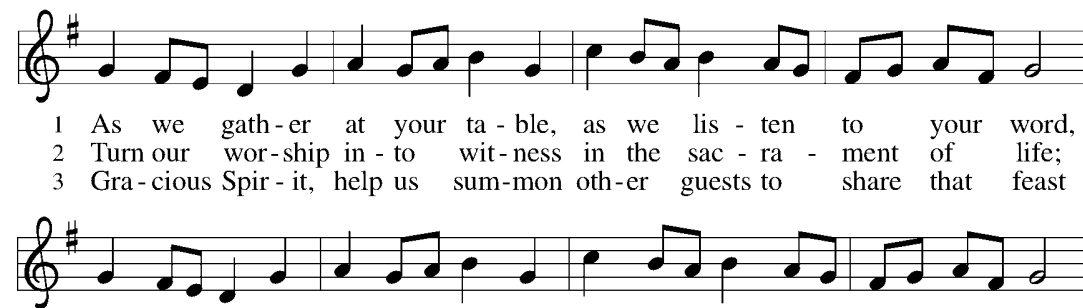
Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:
The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

#522



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phantly Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Communion Hymn continues on the next page.

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Sharing God, in the power of your Holy Spirit repeat among us
your Son's actions of taking, blessing, breaking, and sharing,
that you may take, bless, break, and share us,
and that the world may recognize you
in the way you act in our lives.

Breathe your Spirit on your church,
that we might feel our hearts on fire as you talk with us
and explain the scriptures to us.

Inspire all who stand still, looking sad.

Open the eyes of all who are kept from perceiving you.

Bring your bread of life

to feed all who hunger in body, mind, or spirit,
until the day when we live your life abundant
with the communion of saints,
in the presence and companionship of your Holy Trinity,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

pray



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Hymn of Praise *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* #531 (v. 1)



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.

Hymn of Praise continues on the next page.

Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.
 The feast is read - y to be - gin;
 the feast is read - y to be - gin.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

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

✠ WORD ✠

First 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.

A reading from Acts.

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW setting 3

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Breaking God, when your Son sat at table with his crestfallen disciples, he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Come among us now in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people may discover you in the breaking of the bread, that you may stay with us and make your home among us, and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying,

*Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.*

After supper Jesus took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

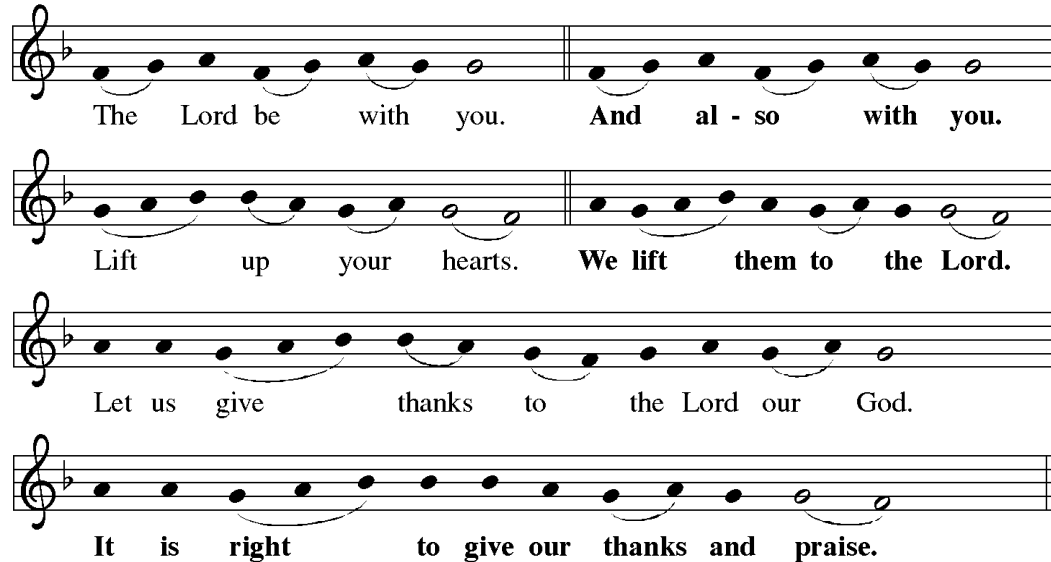
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

ELW setting 3



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Blessing God, you walk with us from the Jerusalem of our failure
to the Emmaus of your glorious revelation.
You made us to be your companions, and you gave us food and drink
that we might share your substance with you.
You created us from the dust of the earth,
and you re-created us by water and the Spirit.
You called your chosen people, you sent Moses and the prophets,
and you came among us in Jesus
that we might know you in his crucified and broken body
and celebrate you in the everlasting joy of his resurrection.
And so, we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels,
and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending praise:

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. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Let us read Psalm 116 responsively.

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

³The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant,
the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,

**¹⁹in the courts of the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

HALLELUJAH

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

A reading from First Peter.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hallelujah Verse

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

#172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

Take My Life, That I May Be

#583 (v.1-2)

Refrain
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
Refrain
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- A Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- P Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- A God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- P Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick, *especially...* Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- A Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- A Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Holy 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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?" ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with

them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Children’s Time
Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day* (Tune: #644)



1. Em - ma us - bound on East - er Day, two trav' - lers
 2. When you ap - peared be - side the two, they could not
 3. For as you spoke to them God's word, ex - plain - ing
 4. They shared their home; you broke the bread. They saw you,
 5. In scrip - ture and at ta - ble, too, O Ris - en



walked a - long the way. They'd once had hope, but hope had
 see that it was you; but as they talked and shared their
 all they'd seen and heard, they un - der - stood what God had done
 ris - en from the dead! That mo - ment's grace helped them to
 Lord, may we know you. And may your pres - ence give us



died when you, O Lord, were cru - ci - fied.
 pain, you gave them hope and joy a - gain.
 and that a new day had be - gun.
 see the gift of God's e - ter - ni - ty.
 grace to share God's love in ev' - ry place.

Nicene Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection
 to heal and redeem our broken world,
 let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.