



"Supper at Emmaus" by He Qi

Virtual Worship Service

Crossnore Presbyterian Church

The Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season

May 3, 2020

Preparing for Worship:

"It is useless to ask why they did not recognize their companion on the road to Emmaus before that flash of insight at the breaking of the bread. Suddenly they recognize him and just as suddenly he is gone. How often insight occurs indirectly, slipping in sideways from the unconscious, or, while your eyes, blurry in daydreaming, lose their focus. How often a problem solves itself in twilight sleep, in the shower or garden, while you've ceased to concentrate on the puzzle. Living in the post-resurrection world means cultivating some kind of extra sense - and being open to surprise."

~Suzanne Guthrie, At the Edge of the Enclosure (website)

Prelude: *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna*

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PD47zHLSnB4>

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Worship:

Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:
there, the stone has been rolled away.

Where the lonely become our friends,
where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair,
there, we find Jesus walking.

Where closed wallets are opened,
where the anxious find serenity,
where love is stronger than hate:
there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

The stone has been rolled away!
Jesus is our companion on the journey!
Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Christ is with us!

Hymn of Praise: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Text: Reginald Heber, 1827; Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861, desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

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*Sing along with the First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, NE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SHDNs7Dt5M>

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Confession:

With humility and honesty, let us confess our sins to our God who is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son our Savior. You were with us in the upper room when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road. You come to us as we travel down the road of our everyday lives. But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done and our doing in our lives and in the world (moment of silent confession). For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Assurance of Pardon:

Even though we have not seen Jesus, face to face, we have assurance of his presence and his love with us. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives. Praise be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: *O God, You Are My God!* Step by step reprise by Rich Mullins
Text and Music: David Strasser Beaker, 1991

Sing along with: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIBcGVnSxNU>

God, You are my God
And I will ever praise you
Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise you

**I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days**

(Repeat both verses again)

First Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If 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. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through 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. Now 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. You 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.***

Choral Anthem: *How Can I Keep From Singing* sung by Audrey Assaud

Songwriters: Camilla Kerslake / Michael Damien Hedges / Robert Lowry / Sally Herbert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Li2hddmy63U>

Second Lesson: Luke 24:13-35:



“The Road to Emmaus” by Robert Zume

Now on that same day two of them 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. *The Word of the Lord; thanks be to God.*

Sermon: "Come to the Table of Grace"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

We are given the great honor of sharing in God's work of healing and feeding and housing and caring. All we have to do is open up our hearts and wallets to the needs of those who are truly our brothers and sisters in Christ. Take a moment and give thanks for all God has given you and then give out of the sheer joy of it! Let us receive this morning's offering of our lives and our treasures.

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

As we offer our gifts this day, we pray for mercy and goodness flowing into the lives of all who long for rest, who hunger for hope, who thirst for living waters, and who ache to be part of your community of grace and peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn of Meditation: *In Remembrance of Me*
Words & Music by Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red**

***Sing along with the St. Paul Young Adult Choir and Ensemble:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adzkvofFYR0>

**In remembrance of Me eat this bread
In remembrance of Me drink this wine
In remembrance of Me pray for the time
When God's own will is done**

**In remembrance of me heal the sick
In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door
And let your brother in, let him in**

**Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you**

**In remembrance of me search for truth
In remembrance of me always love
In remembrance of me don't look above
But in your heart, in your heart
Look in your heart for God**

**Do this in remembrance of Me
Do this in remembrance of Me
In remembrance of Me**



**"The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper"
by Salvador Dali**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (the liturgy is included as an attachment)

Closing Hymn: *Let All Things Now Living*

Text: Katherine Davis, 1939, alt.

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***Sing along with the Lebanon County Youth Chorus and Video by S.E. Samonte**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpMCE1G3N7Q>

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"**

Charge and Benediction:



**Go now in peace, for Christ has called you to live in peace
among your brothers and sisters in Christ.
Go now in courage, for Christ has called you
from the places of your life
to be agents of redemption
and partners in healing.
Go now in joy and thanksgiving, for Christ is our light!
Go now as one body, to love and serve God
in your love and service to the world.**

Postlude: *The Lord's Prayer* sung by Andrea Bocelli and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Music: Albert Hay Malotte in 1935

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEplqV0scyo>