



2nd Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Christ Revealed - The Journey Continues

Emmaus Road

We can find Jesus in the mundane, day-to-day tasks.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

"That Will Be Joyful"

- arr. Spong

Announcements

Call to Worship

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.
You have turned our mourning into dancing
and replaced our sackcloth with garments of joy.
We will never stop giving thanks
For you have raised us out of death and sorrow.

Opening Song

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives

Red ELW 380 vv.1,2,5

**Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.**

**Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.**

**Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!**

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Risen Lord,

We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.

Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of Day

Gracious God, the risen Lord walked with his disciples and turned their grief into joy. Walk also with us along our path of service and cheer us with your presence. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

*Two travelers walked a lonely highway mourning their friend, mentor, and teacher.
One quiet stranger would change everything.*

Invitation to the Word

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I lift to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Special Music

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole,
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You come to us at our lowest points, bringing hope of new life and resurrection. Open us to the joy of the Easter proclamation, that we would live to witness to its power.

Prayer petitions response

God of life, **hear our prayer.**

Other petitions offered.

Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Abundant Living Gratitude Moment

- Bishop Jim Gonia

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May the message of the women who found the tomb empty, bless you with the death transforming love of our living Savior, Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Song

My Redeemer Lives

I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe, I believe
My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe, I believe
I'll raise a banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives;
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.

Sending

Be amazed! The tomb is empty! Christ is risen!

Go and share this good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Postlude

"How Firm a Foundation"

- arr. Martin



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Prelude & Postlude: Jordan Ortman
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