

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

April 26, 2020 (Third Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The grave is empty!

**Alleluia! He is risen indeed!**

God has glorified His servant Jesus!

**He is the Holy and Righteous One,**

**the Author of life, whom God has raised from the dead.**

**To this we are witnesses.**

Let us praise Him forever for what He has done:

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;**

**He lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**He loves the righteous.**

How blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD their God!

**As for me, I will hope continually,**

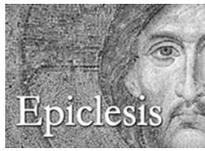
**and will praise Him more and more.**

**We will go in the strength of the LORD,**

**and proclaim His righteousness and His saving acts all the day!**

– from Acts 3:13-15, Psalm 146 and 71





*Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art.  
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night;  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.  
Be Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.  
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

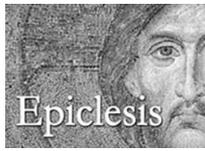
Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight,  
Be Thou my whole armor, be Thou my true might.  
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower.  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;  
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always.  
Be Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun;  
O Grant me its joys e'er the victory is won.  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be Thou my vision, O ruler of all.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine.

Text and music: Clara H. Scott, 1895.



TIME OF OFFERING

Prayers of thanksgiving and devotion

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You;  
I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love,  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy; holy, holy, holy;  
Holy, holy, holy; I want to see You.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

We know that it was not with perishable things like silver or gold that we were redeemed from the futile way of life inherited from our ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

*He was chosen and destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in these last days for our sake.*

Through Him we believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, so that our faith and hope are set on God. For we have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

– from 1 Peter 1:18-23

## THE WORD

*The Road to Emmaus*

Based on Luke 24:13-50

Written and read by Donald Bowes

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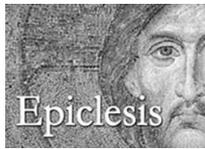
*Open My Eyes That I May See*

Open my ears that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.

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*The Road to Emmaus (continued)*

[Silence]



*Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.  
(repeat)

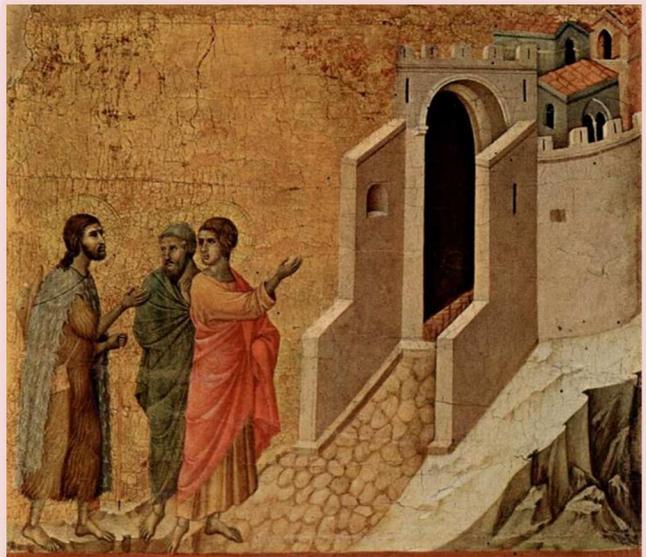
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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[Silence]

*The Road to Emmaus (continued)*





## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

### *Passing of the Peace*

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

### *The Lord's Prayer* (spoken)

**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 debts**

**As we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

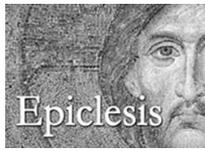
**But deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,**

**And the power, and the glory,**

**Forever. Amen**





*Behold the Lamb*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:  
And we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you:  
Eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:  
Drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,  
And to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n  
Around the table of the King.

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*The Road to Emmaus (conclusion)*



SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body

*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*

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Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Benediction:

Beloved, the glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of Jesus Christ overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him. **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Now, as He walked with His disciples on the Emmaus road and was revealed to them in the breaking of bread, so may our encounter with the living Christ compel us to go forth into the world – with burning hearts, giving witness to what we have seen and believed – to love and serve the Lord. **Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship...*

“One of the greatest discoveries of my Christian pilgrimage has come with the realization that the primary importance in worship is not what I do but what God is doing. In worship, God is present, speaking to me, and acting upon me. It is in worship that God feeds, nourishes, and cares for me. And it is in worship that he gives me his grace, surrounds me with his love, lifts me up into his arms, affirms me as a member of his community, and sends me forth into the world with a fresh vision of his work and a new concern to live for him.” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 66.)

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**Lectionary for next week:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

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