

The Road to Emmaus

EASTER SEASON LIVESTREAM WORSHIP April 26, 2020

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

We're glad to have you join our dispersed community for worship as the celebration of Christ's resurrection continues through this Easter Season.

We will celebrate a virtual Holy Communion today.

If you desire to participate in Holy Communion from your home,

please set aside bread and wine (or grape juice) now,

so you will be prepared for the Meal later in the service.

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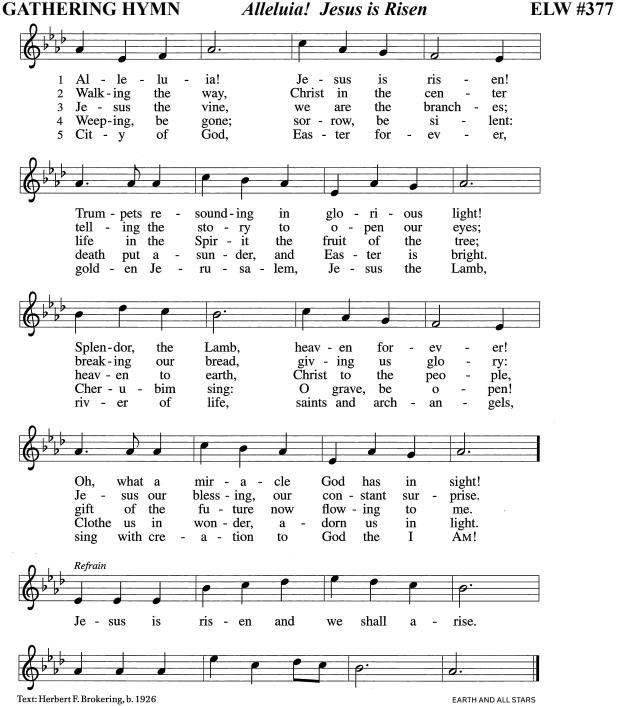
PRELUDE

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Jon Lackey

WELCOME

- P Christ is risen!
- Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. 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.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:17-23

The story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus can be recognized among us: He is revealed in the scriptures and the breaking of bread.

Now on that same day when Jesus had appeared to the women, two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and 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, ²⁰ and 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, ²³ 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. 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord

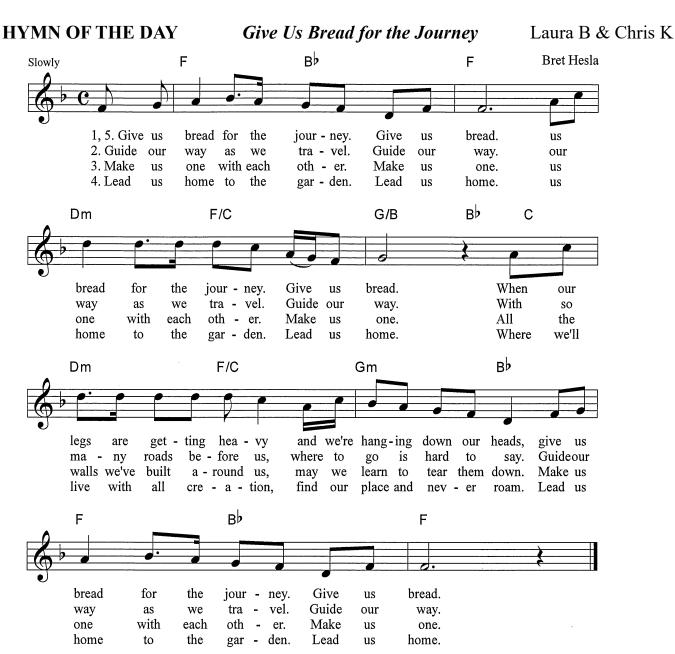
C Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

MESSAGE

Pastor Erik Kindem



PRAYERS

Petitions are offered that end with:

- A Lord, in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Share a greeting of peace with those who are with you physically, and a virtual greeting with those who are part of your circle of concern.

OFFERING

Your monetary gifts support the ongoing ministry of our congregation and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give an offering today by connecting to our secure <u>Tithely</u> <u>Giving Page</u>. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!

Gather all who will be participating in the Holy Communion Meal, along with the bread and wine/grape juice you've set aside.

Place them in front of you, and choose someone who will lift up the elements at the appropriate time, following Pastor Kindem's leadership.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Merciful God.
- C Our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts!
- C We lift them to the Lord!
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, compassionate and vulnerable God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. He is the true Paschal Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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!

- P Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our grief, and is known again in the breaking of the bread.

 Who on the night he was handed over to death, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: (lift your bread)
- C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Again, after supper, he took the cup, (*lift your cup*) gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
- C This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all for forgiveness and healing. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical)

- P In Jesus we are bold to pray:
- 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P As we eat this bread and drink from this cup we remember others in our community and throughout the world with whom we share these gifts of God. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- C Thanks be to God!

Take the gifts of bread and wine/juice into your bodies now, whether you are alone or in the company of others, giving thanks for these gifts of grace!

Any elements remaining can become part of your midday meal.

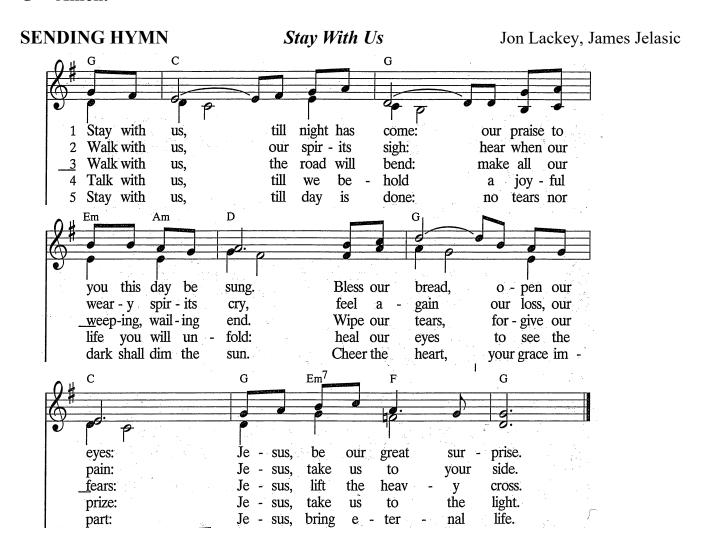
+ SENDING +

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Let us pray. Life-giving God, you have fed us with this meal and opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- P May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life and fill you with hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.



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- P Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord the Almighty James Jelasic

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Join us again next week, Good Shepherd Sunday, as we gather around God's Word and Sacrament with the Risen Christ as Host and Feast.