



The Celebration of Worship

April 26, 2020 3rd Sunday in Easter

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Welcome

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

**All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let
Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.**

Call to Worship

Leader: As You walk with us, as we journey together,

People: Lord, Your word fills our hearts!

Leader: As You speak with us, as Your love is revealed,

People: Lord, Your fire burns in our hearts!

Leader: As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

All: may all people be drawn to You, risen Lord!

Gathering Hymn

“Bless the Lord”

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of God’s Grace

Leader: We’re afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves, yet You see us as we really are.

People: Open our eyes, Lord.

Leader: Even when we won’t listen to you, you hear us when we call your name.

People: Open our ears, Lord.

Leader: We keep the light of Your word hidden to ourselves, though You gave it to share with the world.

People: Open our mouths, Lord.

Leader: May we know and serve the One who calls us to see, hear, and speak.

People: Open our hearts, Lord.

Leader: Even though you have not seen Jesus, you have assurance of His

presence and His love with you. The promises of God are always true.

God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives.

All: Praise be to God.

Response to God’s Mercy

Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Discovery Table

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Hymn of Invocation

“Come and Fill Our Heart”

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd [in Jerusalem]. “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made Him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter 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. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Second Reading

Luke 24:13-31

Now that same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing Him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" He asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him; but we had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if He were going farther. But they urged Him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So He went in to stay with them.

When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight.

Sermon

"Walk with Me"

Rola Al Ashkar

Opportunity To Present Offerings & Doxology

Please enter any prayer requests, joys or concerns, in the comments of the Facebook Live video so we can include you in our prayers.

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Veronica Gould

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

Benediction

Rola Al Ashkar

Response: "Shalom"

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)