

Easter Three

April 23, 2023 + 4pm



Pondering Angels on the Road to Emmaus
Painting by Daniel Bonnel



Beloved companions on the Way
Come as you are offering our lives
in the beautiful struggle of resurrection hope...

Welcome to the AbbeyChurch

No matter who you are or what you are carrying today, know you are beloved and so very welcome here!

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith, encourage hope, share meals, care for each other and for God's creation – and strive to practice the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey - but we share a guiding sacred Story as found in scripture (The Bible) and summarized in our Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God - with our questions and doubts, our disillusionment with our institutions and our concern for our world.

We invite diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, single, married, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressive, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

We believe that Christ's love binds our differences together and renews our hope as we gather each week at Jesus' table of radical welcome.

We Gather

Opening Loop / Tolling of the Bells
Announcements
Land Acknowledgment

Gathering Words

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The risen Christ meets us on the road,
and turns our disbelief into joy.

**For meeting us in the ordinary moments of our days
and lives we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ comes to us in the Scriptures, revealing a God who
lives through self-giving love, and offers us hearts that
burn.

**For meeting us in the ordinary moments of our days
and lives we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ comes to us in the breaking of the bread, in the
daily life and work of our households. Christ steps into
our lives and offers us peace.

**For meeting us in the ordinary moments of our days
and lives we give you thanks, O God.**

Let us pray,

We need your presence on the long road, Risen One.
The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.

Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!

Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, open our eyes, and help us see
you, our companion and hope. **Amen.** Carol Penner [alt]

Song: We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

You have done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire -
You are the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up. *Refrain.*

In the dark of night, before the dawn
my soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. *Refrain.*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave -
Bind us together, bring shalom. *Refrain.*

Sandra McCracken, © 2015. Drink Your Tea / CCLI

Poem: Emmaus – Drew Jackson

Read/selected by poet-in-residence **Rebecca Yeo**

We Proclaim

The Epistle

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14, 36-41)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say...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 him.” 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.

...The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit
as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.*

Gospel Acclamation: You're Alive

All creation sings your praise - all creation rejoices
We join into creation's song! We join in with our voices!

With the sparrow we sing - "Our God lives!"
With the wind we breathe - "You rose again!"
With the mountains we shout - "You conquered death!"
And with the stones we cry out - "You're alive!"

Alleluia - allelu! Alleluia ' "You're alive!"

Charlie Buhler / Grandview Church Vancouver

The Gospel

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (24:13-35)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[a] 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, 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. 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[e] 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.

...Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia, Christ is risen from the dead!

Gospel Acclamation: You're Alive

Alleluia - allelu!

Alleluia, “You're alive!”

Charlie Buhler, alt. / Grandview Church Vancouver

Sermon

Lynn Mills

Silence for meditation.

Bell / Silence / Bell

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith

Credo

I believe in God, the maker almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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 heav'n,
and is seated at the right hand of the maker.
He will come again 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! A-----men.

Ryan Flanigan/ Liturgical folk/ CCLI

Our Prayers

Barbara Uibel

The Confession

Let us, together, face the empty cross and take a moment in
silence before the God of unending mercy and love to confess
both the wrongs which we have done - as well as the things we
have left undone. *bell. silence. Bell.*

The Assurance/Absolution

The Peace

Beloved community - standing forgiven and freed in the new life
of the resurrection, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

We acknowledge the peace of Christ in each other.

*During this next 'offertory' song, the table is set. Contributions to our
common life can be placed in the record player in the back of the space.
Cheques made out to 'The Emmaus Community'. Charitable receipts will
be issued if you provide your address.*

Offertory: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty, to deliver, let us all thy grace receive.
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing serve thee as thy hosts above
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder love & praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-88) / Public Domain / VU333

We Celebrate

Invitation To the Table / Prayer Over The Gifts

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.

Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes
might be open, that our hearts might burn, that we might
recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one
another. Come, Holy Spirit, come. **Amen.**

Communion / The Holy Eucharist

The Lord be with you! **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for you are
the God of creation and new creation, covenant and new
covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to
freedom and your Son from the death to
of resurrection life.

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again!

Therefore with the company of heaven and all your creation we sing:

O- Holy - Holy Holy Lord - O God of power and Might. All
 C Am⁷ G D G C Em
 Heaven and earth of-your glory are full Ho - sanna in the high - est. O
 Bm Em D G G Dsus⁴
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name-of-the Lord! Ho-
 C Am G D G C Em
 -sanna in the high - est. Ho - sanna in the high - est.

Kingsfold Communion Set, adapted from William Kervin / More Voices, alt.

We give thanks for Jesus who has risen from the grave and made the whole creation new. He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed and poured out his life, in death, that we might live in love.

On the night before his arrest and death, Jesus gathered with companions and taking bread, he gave thanks to you and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, drink this all of you: This is my blood poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. ...Whenever you drink it: Do this for the remembrance of me.

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

Hope and joy are our breath, merciful God, for in a garden of life, you have rolled away the stone of fear and despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of sin, the stone of death. +Pour out now your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of the living God.

Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your life, that all who labour, all who weep, all who hunger, shall meet you in the breaking of the bread. Shape us to be your risen body, and set our hearts on fire until you come again and we feast together in your kingdom and are made one in your love. Christ is risen from the dead.

Love is come again. Amen, Alleuia!

Feasting on the word worship & Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher's Eucharistic Prayers © 2016 William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company

As beloved children of a loving parent we pray as Jesus taught:
said in a language, translation or paraphrase of your choice

Our Father (or Parent, or Mother) **who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.**

Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.

Silence.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for the life of the world. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free but contains almond flour and dairy. Juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup. Please do not dip the bread into the cup.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God by Tom Wuest

(pre-recorded, excerpt) Brass Trumpet Publishing

Communion Song: Alleluia

Stay close, my child, through this dark night
Rest in the shadow of these wings
Hope in the lord whose day will come
The dawn of "making all things new"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

All wars will cease, suffering end
Justice will roll, the kingdom come
Love will arise, grace will uphold
Mercy will heal where the lamb reigns

O brothers, rejoice, o sisters, rejoice
All children of God, we are all coming home
(Alleluia, alleluia) Christ is risen, all creation rejoice (*repeat*)

Tom Wuest / Brass Trumpet Publishing

Communion Song: Just a Closer Walk With Thee

I am weak, but thou art strong Jesus, keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk, close to thee

Refrain: 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

Through this world of toil and snares when I falter you are there
Who with me my burden shares none but thee, dear lord, none
but thee

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy king-dom shore, to thy shore

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We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Beloved One, you have been made known to us in the breaking
of bread. Give us the courage and eyes to see you in the
unexpected places this week. Sustain us by the power of your
Spirit, that we may practice resurrection in your new creation.

Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Song: Your Peace Will Make us One

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
You are speaking truth to power
you are laying down our swords
Replanting every vineyard
til a brand new wine is poured
Your peace will make us one

I've seen you in our home fires
burning with a quiet light
You are mothering and feeding
in the wee hours of the night
Your gentle love is patient,
you will never fade or tire
Your peace will make us one

In the beauty of the lilies
you were born across the sea
With a glory in your bosom
that is still transfiguring
Dismantling our empires
til each one of us is free
Your peace will make us one

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! (x3) Your peace will make us one. X2
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The Sending

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Loop

We'll be back here next Sunday at 4pm

Note: There will be no worship Sunday May 7th.

**Instead, AbbeyChurch will join the closing worship of
the Resurrect learning Party at 11:15am on May 6th!**

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