**Mary of Magdala, ECC—April 19, 2026**
**Celebrating the Third Sunday of Easter—Together Wherever We Are Mother Rosean Amaral Presider, Jim Berry Homilist**
**Welcome/Announcements** *Kerrie Anderson*

**Entrance Song** Two Were Bound For Emmaus (V1; V2; V3; V4)

**Greeting**

Let us continue as one expression of God's people, in the name of our Creator God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.

**All: Amen**

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Mother Rosean welcomes…**

We pause to come fully into this space, body, mind, emotion, soul and spirit, and to recognize the presence of the Risen Christ in us and among us.

**No Penitential Rite**

And now let our voices sing praises to God…

**Gloria** *MOJH*

**Opening Prayer**

Let us pray…
Meet us, Jesus, on the road to Emmaus,
Guide us on the path toward our destination,
and renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune with you.
Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us;
open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love;
and empower us to pass on to others
the grace you have shared with us so freely.
Amen.
*~ written by Rev. Frank Schaefer, and posted on the **Desperate Preacher** website.*
*http://www.desperatepreacher.com/*



And now let us listen to God's Word in Scripture and in the continuing story of God's people…

## Liturgy Of The Word

**First Reading:** The Road of Trust by Macrina Wiederkehr, from Seasons of the Heart. *Lector Linda Joyce*

The Road to Emmaus is not a road of the past.
It is an everyday road
Someone is still walking along beside us
explaining the scriptures to us
breaking bread with us,
and then vanishing from our sight.

And we are still rather slow
about recognizing what's happening
in the breaking of the bread,
and that's because
we are slow about trusting.

It takes so long to be Church.
We seem unable
to trust the struggle as divine
and even in the struggle
to cry out:
It is [Jesus, our Christ].

We long to recognize Christ
before we trust
the stranger he sends down our road,
And so
often
we miss the blessing.

It is not that
we're on the wrong road

it is rather
that we fail
to trust
and recognize
strangers

The road
we walk each day
is
the road to Emmaus.

Words Inspired by God.
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Colors Of The Wind. (V1; V2; V3; V4; R)

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 1: 17-21, 22-25 *Lector Art Bavoso*

You call on the One who receives each person's work
impartially, so live out your time as exiles with reverence. Your
life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of
God. Perishable things, like silver or gold, cannot buy you life.
The mystery of the fullness of life is in the death and
resurrection of the Messiah, the Christ, the lamb of God.
Chosen before the start of time, but revealed in time for your
benefit, the Christ led you to believe in God, who raised from
the dead and glorified the one who was scorned. This is your
faith. This is your hope.
Have genuine love for each other. Love one another
deeply, from the heart. You have been born anew. You are
imperishable, through the living and abiding Word of God.
For as it is written: "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the
flower of the field; the grass withers and the flower wilts; but the word of
God remains forever…" This is the Wisdom that has been conceived in you.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Our Loving God is within you. **All: And also within you.**
A Proclamation of the gospel attributed to Luke 24:13-35
**All: Glory to You, O God.**

Two of the disciples were making their way to a village called Emmaus which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. On the way, they were discussing all that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus drew near to them and began to walk along with them, but they were kept from recognizing Jesus. Jesus asked them, "What are you talking about as you go on your way?"

They stopped, looking grief stricken. One of them, named Cleopas, asked, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have happened these past few days?" Jesus asked, "What things?" They said, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet, powerful in word and deed in the eyes of God and people, how religious authorities and political leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. We were hoping that he was the One to restore Israel.

Besides all this, just today, the third day since these things happened, some women of our group brought us some startling news. They were at the tomb before dawn and didn't find the body. They returned and informed us that they had seen a vision of two angels, who declared that Jesus was alive. Some of our number went to the tomb and found it to be just as the women said; but they didn't find Jesus.

Then Jesus said, "Do you not have eyes to see? How slow your hearts to believe all that the prophets announced! Did not the Messiah have to suffer all this and then enter into glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted for them every passage of scripture which referred to the Messiah.

When they were near the village, Jesus appeared to be going farther. But they said eagerly, "Stay with us. It's nearly

evening. The day is as good as done." So, Jesus stayed with them.
After sitting down with them to eat, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened! And they recognized Jesus, who immediately vanished from their sight.

They said to one another, "Weren't our hearts burning within us as he talked to us along the way and explained the Scriptures to us?" They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven and the rest of the company assembled. The two travelers were greeted with the words, "Christ is risen! It's true! Jesus has appeared to Mary and Simon!" Then the travelers recounted what had happened along the way as they left Jerusalem, and how they had come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

The Good News of the Resurrection. Alleluia!
**All: Praise to You, Jesus our Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## HOMILY **Jim Berry**
## No Creed
## Prayers of the People *Lector Art Bavoso*

**Our response is: Walk along beside us and hear our prayers.**
For our 301 Faith Partners and all faith denominations that we may continue to be a Light of right intention, right action, equanimity, and hope in our global community that seems more and more chaotic and at war, we pray,
**Response: Walk along beside us and hear our prayers.**

For Mother Earth, that the scars left by humankind will begin to heal, that people around the world will remember to honor and treasure the gifts she offers and use them judiciously so her beauty and strength will be preserved, we pray,
**Response: Walk along beside us and hear our prayers.**

For all people to recognize that all people are their neighbor and to walk with them to Emmaus treating them as beloved as we are by God, we pray,
**Response: Walk along beside us, and hear our prayers.**

The prayers from the sanctuary are…we pray,
**Response: Walk along beside us, and hear our prayers.**
Are there prayers from our members on zoom? we pray...
**Response: Walk along beside us and hear our prayers.**

And for all the people on our prayer lists and the prayers we hold sacred in our hearts, we pray,
**Response: Walk along beside us and hear our prayers.**

**Mother Rosean:** Loving God, you know our needs before we speak them. May our prayers be in harmony with Your will and may our service to others be generous.
For Jesus' sake,
**All: Amen**

## The Peace (Dori)

Jesus, you said to your apostles: "I leave you my peace, my peace I give you." May the Peace of Christ be within you all.
**All: And also within you.**
Please turn toward the camera to offer a sign of peace to our siblings at home and then toward each other.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink here and in our homes, we are reminded that our offerings of time, talent, and treasure sustain the mission of God's church. Please continue to give as you are able.

Let us sing together…
**Offertory Song** Give Us Your Peace (R; V1; R; R; V3; R)

## Preparation of the Gifts (During Offertory Song)

Blessed are You, Loving God of all Creation, through Your goodness we have this read to place on Your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual food.
**All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are You, Loving God of all Creation, through Your goodness we have this wine to place on Your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual drink.

**All: Blessed be God forever.**

**(Dori) By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.**

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me of my sin. **(Dori washes hands)**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Pray my siblings in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our Mother and Father.

**All: May God accept the sacrifice at our hands for the praise and glory of God's name for our good and the good of all God's creation**.

## Eucharistic Prayer

May the Risen Christ live within you. **All: And also within you.**

Let us open up our hearts. **All: We open them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our loving God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All powerful and ever living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our brother.
We praise you with greater joy than ever in this Easter season,
when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.
In Christ a new age has dawned, and the
joy of the resurrection renews the whole world,
while the choirs of heaven and earth sing forever to Your glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** MOJH

How wonderful the work of Your hands, O God!
As a mother tenderly gathers her children, You embraced a people as Your own.
You delivered them from slavery and brought them to the promised land.
Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom.
From them, you raised up Jesus, the living bread,
in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. By His victory over the grave, the gates of death are burst forever.

Mother Rosean:

Pour out Your Spirit upon us and these gifts
that they may become the Body + and Blood of our brother, Jesus, the Christ.

Breathe Your Spirit over the whole earth and make us Your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world You have made.
In the upper room with His friends on the night before He died
Jesus took the bread and gave You thanks.

He broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said:

**All: Take this all of you, and eat it: this is My Body,**
**which will be given up for you.**

When supper was ended, He took the cup. Again, He gave You thanks and praise, gave the cup to His disciples, and said:

**All: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of My Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant.**
**It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.**
**Do this in memory of Me.**

**Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. Sung by Dori.**
**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** MOJH

Loving God, we commemorate Jesus, as we offer You this sacrifice.
Shine through the darkness of our doubt and sorrow that the light of His risen presence may brighten the path before us.
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole church offers thanks and praise with all who bring hope to the world.

We pray for Pablo and Kae, our bishops, and for all who shepherd Your holy people in apostolic ministry. We pray also for the manifestation of your love in our 301 Faith Partnership with our Lutheran and Episcopal siblings.

God of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace, those fallen asleep in faith. (pause)
Gather them all into communion with Holy Mary, the Mother of God, our patron Saint Mary of Magdala, and all our saints.

Then at last, will all creation be one and all divisions healed,
and we shall join in singing Your praise through Jesus, the Christ.

Together now we say… **The elements will be held up by Dori, Carol Y, Katie, and M. Rosean**

**All: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, self-emptying, life-giving God, forever and ever.**

**Amen** *MOJH*

**The Prayer of Jesus (Dori introduces and prays…)**
Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us…
**All: Amma/Abba God, who are in heaven, holy is your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as it is 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 kin-dom and the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

## THE SHARED TABLE

**Lamb of God** MOJH
This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the One whose LOVE transforms the world. Happy are we who are called to this meal.
**All: Jesus, I am ready to receive You and by Your invitation I am here.**

**Invitation to Communion**
As we partake of the sustenance laid before us, let us affirm together:
**All: In this we are a eucharistic people, the Body of Christ Incarnate the Blood of Christ poured out for the life of the world.**
An open invitation awaits all of you at this table where Jesus Christ is the host. An invitation to be fed and to be loved without measure. Each one of you is a precious child of God. All are welcome, no exceptions.

**Communion Hymn** In The Breaking Of The Bread (R; V1; R; v2; V3; R; V5; R)

## Prayer after Communion

Thank You Creator God for touching us again with Your life
through bread and wine;
For joining our lives with Yours through Jesus;
And for renewing resurrection in our hearts through your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. **All: Amen** (https://sacredise.com/)

## Blessing

May the love of the Risen Christ be with you.
**All: And also with you.**
Let us open our hearts to receive this blessing…
May God hear and respond whenever you call;
May Christ Jesus make himself known to you in all things;
and may the Holy Spirit open your eyes and set your hearts on fire with love.
We ask for this blessing now, in the name of Amma/Abba God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.
**All: Amen**

## Dismissal (Dori)

**Go now as witnesses of God's eternal presence.**
**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Closing Song** At The Name (V1; R; V2; R)