



**Online Worship Resource** (Sunday, April 11, 2021)

**BOLD TYPE IS SPOKEN BY THE CONGREGATION**

Prelude:

***Russian Easter***

N. Rimsky Korsakoff

*Alleluia! He Is Risen!*

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship**

Barbara Allen, Liturgist

Please join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

The bread of life opens our eyes.

**The Word of life opens our ears.**

The risen One shows us God's own brokenness,

**and by those wounds we are healed.**

**Come, let us worship.**

**Opening Hymn:** "Thine Is the Glory"

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

REFRAIN:

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, For the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. REFRAIN

**Passing the Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Children's Time**

**Prayer for Illumination**

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

**Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen.**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles [a] from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. [b] <sup>18</sup> 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?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, [c] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. [d] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah [e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us [f] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn After Sermon:** "Come Share the Lord"

We gather here in Jesus' name; His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
Come take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.  
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread; The Lord who pours the cup is risen from  
the dead;  
The one we love the most is now our gracious host;  
Come take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.  
Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming  
King;  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

Call to offering

(Liturgist)

As Jesus gave himself fully for us and then appeared to the disciples bringing  
peace, so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others through our tithes  
and gifts. Please join me in the Prayer of Dedication:

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Holy God, we give you thanks for light and life and love, and above all, for the  
presence of the Living Christ among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us,  
strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the  
resurrection of Jesus, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## To Share in the Lord's Supper

Call to Confession

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor. Let us pray. . .

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, day by day I have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. I have not trusted in your power to give the riches I cannot see. I have not honored my brothers and sisters as heirs of your desired peace. I have not forgiven myself or others. Forgive me, Lord, and give me the wisdom and faith to be your loving follower.**

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

By the power of the Holy Spirit, as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ and assurance of pardon in Jesus' name, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins.

**With renewed life, I will serve God's people and all creation in peace and strength. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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 our thanks and praise . . . . .**

(Alleluia)

REFRAIN: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

(REFRAIN)

Prayer after Communion

**Closing Hymn:** "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;  
May we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
Alleluia, Alleluia: God, the wonder of our days.

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole;  
Broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.  
Alleluia, Alleluia: Christ, our present, past, and goal.

Service be our sure vocation; Courage be our daily breath;  
Mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.  
Alleluia, Alleluia: Rise O Church, a living faith.

Benediction

Postlude: **All Creatures of Our God and King** Arr. Lani Smith  
*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia!*  
*Alleluia!*  
*O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears, sing*  
*praises!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia!*  
*Alleluia!*  
*All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, guitar,  
David Maley, piano, Barbara Allen, Liturgist, and  
Glenn Fahrig, technology team