

Holy Communion 19th April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter – The Road to Emmaus

Welcome and notices:

Opening Prayer:

**We come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Jesus Stand Among Us

**Jesus stand among us
At the meeting of our lives;
Be our sweet agreement
At the meeting of our eyes.
O Jesus, we love you, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.**

**So to you we're gathering
Out of each and every land;
Christ the love between us
At the joining of our hands.
O Jesus, we love you, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.**

**Jesus, stand among us
At the breaking of the bread;
Join us as one body
As we worship you, our Head.
O Jesus, we love you, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.**

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Collect for Purity:

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,**

all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession

Merciful God,
For the things we have done that we regret,
Lord, forgive us.

For the things we have failed to do that we regret,
Lord, forgive us.

For all the times we have acted without love,
Lord, forgive us.

For all the times we have reacted without thought.
Lord, forgive us.

For all the times we have failed to care,
Lord, forgive us.

For all the times we have failed to forgive.
Lord, forgive us.

For hurtful words said, and helpful words unsaid,
Lord, for give us.

We receive God's forgiveness

May Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save
sinners, bring us his pardon and his peace, now and for ever.
Amen

Gloria (sung)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36-41 *(Tammy)*

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.'

³⁶ 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.'

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'

³⁸ Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

**Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Hymn: There is a Redeemer

**There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One**

*Thank you, oh my Father
For giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit 'til
The work on earth is done*

**Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain**

*Thank you, oh my Father
For giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit 'til
The work on earth is done*

**When I stand in glory
I will see his face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place**

*Thank you, oh my Father
For giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit 'til
The work on earth is done*

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Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 13-35 (Julie)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the road to Emmaus

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[a] 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 recognising 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 further. 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 recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon: (Joy)

Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

cf Philipians 2.6-11

Intercessions: (Richard)

Response:

Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer

Merciful Father:
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

The risen Lord Jesus gives new strength to his people and offers them life and peace.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: Come and See

**Come and see, come and see
Come and see the King of love
See the purple robe and crown of thorns he wears
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer
As he lifts the cruel cross
Lone and friendless now he climbs towards the hill**

***We worship at your feet
Where wrath and mercy meet
And a guilty world is washed
By love's pure stream
For us he was made sin
Oh, help me take it in
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive'
I worship, I worship
The Lamb who was slain.***

**Come and weep, come and mourn
For your sin that pierced him there
So much deeper than the wounds of thorn and nail
All our pride, all our greed
All our fallenness and shame
And the Lord has laid the punishment on him**

***We worship at your feet
Where wrath and mercy meet
And a guilty world is washed
By love's pure stream
For us he was made sin
Oh, help me take it in
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive'
I worship, I worship
The Lamb who was slain.***

**Man of heaven, born to earth
To restore us to your heaven
Here we bow in awe beneath
Your searching eyes
From your tears comes our joy**

**From your death our life shall spring
By your resurrection power we shall rise.**

***We worship at your feet
Where wrath and mercy meet
And a guilty world is washed
By love's pure stream
For us he was made sin
Oh, help me take it in
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive'
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Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
The power, the glory,
The splendour and the majesty;
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours
**All things come from you
And of your own do we give you. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, (sung)
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying;
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying;
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
In remembrance of me.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

And now, as our Saviour taught us, so we sing

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

Prayer of Humble Access

Jesus,
We come to this your table
not because we are strong,
but because we are weak;
not because of any goodness of our own
but because we need your mercy and your help;
not because of anything we have achieved,
but because you died for sinners.
Glory be to you,
our living Saviour and Lord.
Amen

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Joyce to choose instrumental background music

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

Sharing Time

Final Hymn: Jesus is Lord

Jesus is Lord!
Creation's voice proclaims it
For by his power each tree and flower
Was planned and made
Jesus is Lord!
The universe declares it
Sun, moon and stars in heaven
Cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with hallelujahs
For Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord!
Yet from his throne eternal
In flesh he came to die in pain
On Calvary's tree
Jesus is Lord!
From him all life proceeding
Yet gave his life a ransom
Thus setting us free

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with hallelujahs
For Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord!
O'er sin the mighty conqueror
From death he rose, and all his foes
Shall own his name
Jesus is Lord!
God sent his Holy Spirit
To show by works of power
That Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with hallelujahs
For Jesus is Lord!

Blessing

The Mighty God,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
take you into his protection,
enfold you with his love,
direct you on your journey
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer Ministry at the front and refreshments at the back of church