

The Season of Easter



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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

“Were You There”

Annette Nolan

Call to Worship

L: Lord Jesus, we need your presence on this long road we on now.
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

Lord Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power, set our hearts on fire as we gather to hear you speak your words of life in this time of worship. Amen.

Confession & Forgiveness

L: Lord Jesus, we are often so distracted by many other concerns that we fail to realize that you are beside us. We walk on, so busy and focused on how we can handle the challenges and chances of life that we do not create the silent spaces which would allow you to speak with us and enlighten us as we walk with you.

Silent reflection

L: When we are afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves, yet you see us as we really are.

Open our eyes, Lord.

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

Open our ears, Lord.

L: When we keep the light of your word hidden to ourselves even though you gave it to share with the world.

Open our mouths, Lord.

L: We make ourselves available to you in this moment.

Make yourself known to us in a way we can experience.

Reach out to us and invite us to pause and meet with you.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Silent reflection

L: Lord Jesus, you are always with us,
Closer to us than the very breath we take and
More alive than each beat of our hearts.
You forgive our lack of trust.
You are patient in all our failings.
You seek us when we lose our way.
Open our hearts to receive your grace.
By your Holy Spirit, let our hearts burn bright within us
To melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
To light the path peace for others, and
To warm the world with the beauty of your love.
Amen.

Easter Greeting

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen . . . Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of the Day

L: Living Jesus,
whose presence on our daily road
we often fail to see;
warm our hearts with fresh confidence in your Word,
so that, in making room for the stranger beside us,
we find your hospitality awaiting us,
and the reassurance of your presence
to inspire us to tread the road again
and to share the good news of your resurrection life.
Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Gospel Acclamation

“Word of God Speak”

Laura Torrence

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

The Message

Song of the Day

“Given for You”

Traven Harrington

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Recalling how the disciples on the road to Emmaus found comfort in God's Word and recognized Christ in the breaking of bread, we pray for the needs of the Church and the world. With confidence we pray:

Stay with us, Lord.

L: For the community of Advent: that it may be a community where Jesus of Nazareth is proclaimed in Word, encountered in the Eucharist, and seen on the face of each person around us. We pray:

Stay with us, Lord.

L: For those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need.

We especially pray for:

- Bill Aldred
- Lemont Bell
- Ann Farabee
- Eileen Folkerth
- Jennifer Gazda
- Dwight Hartsell
- Carole Johnson
- Bill Kirkpatrick
- Dick Kuklantz
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Phyllis Lester
- Ray Matthews
- Angelina Messina
- Rick Messina
- Justin Mertz
- Anita Ortiz
- Richard Schulz
- Myra Steele
- Wylee Stephens
- Cheri Strickland
- Mary Faith Strickland
- Connie Van Brunt
- Herbert Watson
- Beverly Williams
- Lewis Williams
- Gerry Wisner

We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially . . .

Kenneth Efird, the cousin of Ed Efird

Louise Bekkenhius, the step-mother of Brenda Cicenía

By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Now, we now pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for those we wish to name (give time for community to pray). We pray:

Stay with us, Lord.

L: For healthcare professionals and relief workers, especially those who find themselves on the frontlines to bring healing, comfort and care to all impacted by the coronavirus. Bring peace in the midst of anxiety and renewed sense of unity in places of protest and discord. Inspire all with a spirit of camaraderie as the entire world works to meet the health needs and safety of all communities and peoples.

We pray:

Stay with us, Lord.

L: Thank you, God, for revealing yourself in your beloved Son, Jesus. Wherever your word is spoken, wherever bread is broken, may your name be hallowed forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Sending God's People

Benediction

L: You have heard the Word of God spoken to you this day.

C: Amen.

L: You have received the bread of life broken for you this day.

C: Amen.

L: May you go forth to enliven others with the message of life.

C: Amen.

L: May Almighty God bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

"I Will Celebrate"

Laura Torrence

I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord;

I will sing to God a new song.

I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord;

I will sing to God a new song.

I will praise him,

For he has triumphed victoriously.

I will praise him,

For he has triumphed victoriously.

I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord;

I will sing to God a new song.

I will praise him,

For he has triumphed victoriously,

Victoriously, victoriously.