



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

May 8, 2011 (Third Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

This is the good news—
the grave is empty;
Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
once we were no people;
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!



The Pilgrims of Emmaus, Tissot, (1886-94)



Haven't You Heard?

Haven't you heard that Jesus is risen?
Mary was there at crack of the dawn.
Weeping, she found Him down in the garden;
Laughter is living and grieving is gone.

Chorus:

Our hearts are glowing, our eyes are showing
That Jesus lives!

Haven't you heard that Jesus is risen?
Cleopas told us. Evening drew on.
Walking and talking, traveling with them,
Jesus was present: now grieving is gone.

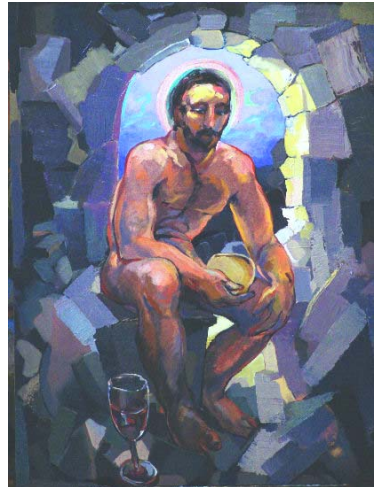
Chorus

Haven't you heard that Jesus is risen?
Haven't you heard that Jesus goes on?
Haven't you heard that Jesus is with us?
Laughter is living and grieving is gone!

Chorus

Scotland; Alison M. Robertson

THE LIFE OF THE BODY



Supper at Emmaus, Edward Knippers, Contemp



TIME OF OFFERING

Prayer of devotion and commitment

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You;
I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy;
I want to see You.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

You know that it was not with perishable things like silver or gold that you were redeemed from the futile way of life inherited from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

He was chosen and destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in these last days for your sake.

Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, so that your faith and hope are set on God. For you have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

– from 1 Peter 1:18-23



THE WORD

The Road to Emmaus

Based on Luke 24:13-50

Written and read by Donald Bowes.

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Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.
Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight,
Thou my whole armor, and Thou my true might.
Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower.
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun;
Grant me its joys e'er the victory is won.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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The Road to Emmaus (continued)

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

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[Silence]

The Road to Emmaus (continued)



The Way to Emmaus, Zund, 1877



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive 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,
Forever. Amen



Behold the Lamb

Friend of the Humble - Supper at Emmaus, L'Hermitte, 1892

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:
And we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.



The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you:
Eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,
And to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
Around the table of the King.

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The Road to Emmaus (conclusion)





SENDING FORTH

Dismissal litany and Benediction

Amen. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

With Burning Hearts

With yearning hearts, we came today to worship;
With yearning hearts, we've seen Him in His pow'r.
We've heard His voice, we've broken bread;
Our eyes are opened wide.
With burning hearts, we now go forth in joy;
With burning hearts, we now go forth in joy.

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A thought about worship...

“One of the greatest discoveries of my Christian pilgrimage has come with the realization that the primary importance in worship is not what I do but what God is doing. In worship, God is present, speaking to me, and acting upon me. It is in worship that God feeds, nourishes, and cares for me. And it is in worship that he gives me his grace, surrounds me with his love, lifts me up into his arms, affirms me as a member of his community, and sends me forth into the world with a fresh vision of his work and a new concern to live for him.”

Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992, 66.)

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