

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024 9:00AM
'Worship for Life' liturgy

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Hymn- ELW #532 'Gather Us In'

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

'Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole' (Worship For Life folder)

Hymn of Praise- 'Rise Up With Him' (Worship For Life folder)

Prayer of the Day:

God of Easter,

We gather here as people who have faith in a story that stretches far before and beyond us.

It's a story that tells us that what we know of life is only a tiny part of the picture; that here, who we are is still unfinished. It's a story of how God's redemption, restoration and resurrection rewrites what we know of ourselves, editing our lives with words of grace and forgiveness and creating an ending that speaks only of love.

We gather to worship God. Please bless our becoming. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music- 'God's Train' Radical Ringers

Sermon

Hymn of Day- ELW #670 'Build Us Up, Lord'

Prayers of the People

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Response- 'I Will Give Thanks to the Lord' (Worship For Life folder)

P: Let us pray.

All: Holy One, maker of all things including us, through your goodness you have given us these gifts. Returning a portion of it to you, we also offer ourselves in service to your world and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all you have created. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving- Hymnal Supplement pg. 14

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: **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 power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution

Music during Distribution- 'This Do in Remembrance of Me' (Worship For Life folder)

Communion Hymn- ELW #359 'Where Charity and Love Prevail'

Post Communion- 'You Are Lord' (Worship For Life folder)

Blessing of Graduates

Children's Message

Special Music- 'And Wherever You Go' Peace Choir

Benediction

Closing Hymn- ELW #881 'Let All Things Now Living'

Postlude

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Musicians:

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Sherry Johnson- Pianist

Jerry Johnson- Peace Choir Director

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