

Morning Prayer

April 26th

Third Sunday of Easter

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Prayer

As we worship this morning
Meet us, Lord, as on the road to Emmaus.
Guide us on the path toward our destination,
and renew our strength as we continue to
walk and commune with you.
Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your
presence around us;
open our hearts, so we may receive your
peace and love;
and empower us to pass on to others
the grace you have shared with us so freely.
Amen

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away
from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Risen One, like those disciples on the
road to Emmaus, we struggle to
recognize you in the everyday journey of
our lives. We are so full of ourselves, or
so crammed with the sights and sounds
of living that we simply fail to see you or
to recognize your voice. We interpret
Scripture in ways that obscure the signs
pointing to you, and we are guilty of
being slow of heart so that we don't
recognize you in our neighbour, or in the
guise of the poor or the dispossessed.
Lord forgive us and open our eyes and
hearts. Amen.**

Absolution

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Hymn: In the garden Mary lingers
Tune: Angel Voices ([listen here](#))

In the garden Mary lingers,
broken and forlorn,
then an unexpected greeting
names her in the dawn:
so she meets her risen Saviour
on the resurrection morn.

Evening journey: two disciples,
grieving for the dead,
find a stranger walks beside them,
cheers their hearts instead
finally they recognise him
as he breaks and shares the bread.

Ten distraught, confused apostles
hide away in fear;
rumours that the grave is empty
they are shocked to hear
yet when Jesus stands among them
dread and sorrow disappear.

Every day a fresh beginning
newness, come what may!
In the most unlikely places
Jesus reigns today;
from the past to new horizons
Christ our Saviour leads the way.

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Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open
before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Word of God

Luke Chapter 24:13-35

The reading ends

This is the Gospel of Christ
All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

The response to: Lord in your Mercy
Is: Hear our Prayer

Intercessions conclude with:

**Merciful father, Accept these prayers for
the sake of your son, Our Saviour, Jesus
Christ, Amen.**

The Collect is said:

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy
gladdened the disciples with the sight of the
risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his
presence with us, that we may be
strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness
and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Notices

Hymn: Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day

Tune; Truro ([listen here](#))

Emmaus-bound on Easter Day,
Two travellers walked along the way.
They'd once had hope, but hope had died
When you, O Lord, were crucified.

When you appeared beside the two,
They could not see that it was you;
But as they talked and shared their pain,
You gave them hope and joy again.

For as you spoke to them God's word,
Explaining all they'd seen and heard,
They understood what God had done
And that a new day had begun.

They shared their home;
you broke the bread.
They saw you, risen from the dead!
That moment's grace helped them to see
The gift of God's eternity.

In scripture and at table, too,
O Risen Lord, may we know you.
And may your presence give us grace
To share God's love in every place.

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**