



BASSANO, Jacopo, *Supper at Emmaus*, c1538; *Sacristy*, Parish Church, Cittadella, Italy

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023 — 9:00 am

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II, Prayer A
April 23, 2023 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude “*Christus Resurrexit*” G. Young

Processional Hymn 305 “*Come Risen Lord*”

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant : Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Celebrant : Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.***

The Gloria S-280 “*Glory to God in the highest*”

The Collect of the Day --

Celebrant : The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant : Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading (Lesson) from Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what

should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

1. I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
2. ***The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.***
3. Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
10. ***How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?***
11. I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
12. ***I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.***
13. Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
14. **O Lord, I am your servant; *
*I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.***

15. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
16. *I will fulfill my vows to the Lord **
in the presence of all his people,
17. In the courts of the Lord'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

A Reading (Lesson) from 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel Hymn 174 *“At The Lambs High Feast”*

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke 24:13-35

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went

with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 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?" 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 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?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to

them in the breaking of the bread.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon The Rev. Don Caron, *Priest*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People for the Third Sunday of Easter

Presider: Through resurrection from the dead, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

Leader: For peace from on high and for our salvation.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our new brothers and sisters illumined by the light of Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, William, our Bishop, Sally, our Bishop elect, Don our Priest, Leslie our Deacon. From the Diosisan cycle or prayer, Ministry of the Leaders and Participants in the Way of St. Paul Program, Episcopal Day Schools, The Rev. James T. Kollin, Members and Ministry of the Loan and Grant Committee, The Rev. Pervez Baig, Members and Ministry of the Discerning Our Common Call Steering Committee, Members and Ministry of the Committee on Vulnerable Congregations, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the world and its leaders, especially Joseph, the President of the United States, Phillip the Governor of New Jersey and our nation and its people.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all those in need, especially *Ruth, Ed, Sharon, Annamarie, Susan, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Austin, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Don, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan*, all those who have asked for our prayers

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the dying and the dead especially, *Dorothy Scheetz, The Rev. Deacon Peder Bloom (our former deacon), Ellen Meckel Gunn* and those who care and grieve for them.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord.***

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace (*All stand.*)

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

People: ***And also with you.***

Offertory Hymn 199 “*Come Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain*”

The Doxology (*Hymnal 380 Verse 3*)

All: ***Praise God of whom all blessings flow***

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above the heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant : The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant : Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and

this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy Holy, Holy Lord (*Hymnal S-130*)

*All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
(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 us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation

Communion Solo

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" G. F. Handel

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn 325 *"I Am The Resurrection"*

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia

Organ Postlude *"Alleluia"*

W. A. Mozart

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Dorothy Scheetz*, by Susan and Bob Engel and in memory of *The Rev. Deacon Peder Bloom (our former deacon)*, by The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of *Ellen Meckel Gunn* by her family James Meckel

Participating in the 9am. Service

Lector: Jeff Mack *Acolyte:* Sally Barnes, Mary Shea
Ushers: Harry Shea, Larry Bradshaw *Videographer:* Linda Yansick
Altar Guild: Debbie Sigler, Susan Stevens, Mary Shea
Counters: Don Dietz, Bob Engle



MONDAY NIGHT ZOOM STUDY returns on Monday, April 17, 24, May 1, and May 8. This four-week series is called Embracing an Adult Faith with Marcus Borg on “What it Means to Be Christian.” It is especially important during this time in our history to reclaim the word “Christian” and move it into the light. This four-week study will focus on 1) Who was Jesus?; 2) Who Is God?; 3) What is Salvation?; and 4) How Do We Practice Our Faith? Join Fr. Don and Mel as they co-lead this study on Zoom at 7 p.m. Melanie Caron is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83850622544> Meeting ID: 838 5062 2544

MEN’S GROUP. We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am (so you can still have your day), and we will talk about the things that are important for a man’s spiritual life. It’s an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

SAVE THE DATE! May 20, 2023 In Our Parish Hall, 9:30-2:00 P.M. Christ Church will host a workshop on Meditation with Sr. Dolly from the Meditation Center in Cinnaminson speaking on Brahma Kumaris and Raj Yoga and Mel Caron will speak about Christian Meditation. Flyers with more information are available in the back of the church.

Open Dates for Altar Flowers 2023

April 30 - May 21 - June 4, 25

Date of Memorial _____

Flowers in Memory of _____

Given by _____

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The cost for Memorial Flowers is \$35.00 for each date.

Amount of check enclosed \$_____ made out to The Altar Guild.

Mail to: Christ Church Altar Guild
500 Fourth Street
Riverton, NJ 08077

Any questions please call the Parish Office at (856) 829-1634

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FROM THE MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE

A problem has developed with a large tree at the west entrance to the garden. The tree's roots are protruding from the ground making the entrance unsafe and unsightly and causing serious ponding following any rain. Unfortunately, the tree must be removed to make sure that the roots will not present as a problem again in the future. The Vestry has engaged a landscape professional to remove the tree, regrade the soil and pave the area with landscape stone. The cost is approximately \$4,900.00. Your contribution to help with this project would be greatly appreciated and would ensure the safe entrance and beauty of the garden for years to come. Please make your checks payable to Christ Church and indicate that it is for the Memorial Garden Fund. Thank you!

REMINDER!!! If you have a family member, know of a church member or have a friend going through a difficult time, please remember that we have Prayer Shawls available. Contact Mel Caron at 478-234-3698.

MID-WEEK SERVICE A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minutes, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day.

CONTEMPLATIVE GROUP - a group comprised of women from various churches gathers weekly online to meditate, study and hold a discussion Wednesdays at 10-11:30 am. All are welcome! Info for Zoom Meeting is 895 0808 5891 & password is 702131. For more info contact Mel at 478-234-3698.

THURSDAY STUDY RETURNS on April 13 at 10 a.m. in the Church Parlor. This season will be a study called "ProFuture Faith with Rev. Michael Dowd. Having "squandered our inheritance on profligate living," we are a prodigal species. Industrial civilization and our insatiable appetites have us hurtling toward irreversible consequences—not in some distant future, but right now. The good news is it's not too late. At the intersection of science, spirituality, and sustainability is a deep love of life and a passion for our posterity—a ProFuture Faith. 8 weeks, last session is June 1. Join eco-theologian, author, and TEDx speaker, Rev. Michael Dowd in a dynamic DVD and internet-based discussion course that bridges the gap between head and heart, science and faith. Watch video: <https://vimeo.com/322942900>. Participants will be guided on a journey that accepts what is inevitable, avoids what is futile, and be inspired to attend to what is urgent. Come home to reality. Embrace a ProFuture Faith!

