

**“DID OUR HEARTS NOT BURN WITHIN US
WHILE HE TALKED TO US ON THE ROAD WHILE HE
OPENED TO US THE SCRIPTURES?”
LUKE 24:32**



Daniel Bonnell | The Emmaus Road | Oil on canvas

AGAPE MEAL LITURGY

God calls us out of the world and welcomes us into his presence. Opening our hearts to him in love, we respond by confessing our sins, receiving his forgiveness, and fully devoting our lives to him in praise and adoration.

*Congregational responses are indicated in **boldface**.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light:

Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*A “collect” is a particular type of prayer that, in the context of a worship service, summarizes (or collects) all the parts of the worship service. Think of it as a prayer that focuses on the theme of this particular service.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue in our hospitals and research centers his gracious work among us especially those ministering to people affected by the novel coronavirus; console and heal the sick; grant to the researchers, physicians, nurses, and assisting staff

wisdom and skill, diligence and patience; prosper their work, O Lord, and send down your blessing upon all who serve the suffering; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVERLASTING GOD

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Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord (2x)

Our God, you reign forever

Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the everlasting God

The everlasting God

You do not faint, you won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

HEARING GOD'S WORD

We encounter our Risen Lord in Scripture. As a people defined by God's Word, we respond to God through confession of faith, corporate prayer, and a demonstration of our reconciliation with one another in passing the peace of Christ

THE LESSONS

A reading from **1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-8**

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Here ends the reading.

*Our psalm is **PSALM 16:7-11**, and will be read responsively by whole verse.*

Psalm 16:7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*A reading from **LUKE 24:13-35***

13That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14**and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15**While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. **16**But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. **17**And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. **18**Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” **19**And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, **20**and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

²¹But 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 happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Here ends the reading.

THE SERMON

*The Apostles' Creed is a theological summary of Christian beliefs, which dates back to the 7th century. However, similar forms of this creed date back to the 3rd century. Today this creed serves as an ecumenical symbol of faith.

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.

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

*"Catholic," here means that every local church founded on the gospel is part of the one universal church founded by God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

*Since God first gathered a people to himself, a fundamental part of public worship has been that his people pray together. In the presence of God, we ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well being and unity of the people of God...Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Clark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and

Congregation...Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others...Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith...Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially for our President...Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For family members serving in the armed forces: Andrew, Steve, Keith, Ryan, Chris, Joshua, Katy, Adam, Alex, and Zach...Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For medical personnel working to care for the sick and for those searching to find a cure to this disease; protect their health and bless their work that many may be restored...Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity...Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray...

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*When we confess our sins to God we are not groveling in guilt; we are dealing with our guilt. If we deny our sins, we will never get free of from them.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of you holy Name. Amen.

*Only God can forgive sins. In announcing God's forgiveness, we are declaring the miraculous work of God to restore and unite us both to himself and one another.
(See 1 John 1:4-7).

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

AGAPE MEAL BLESSING

The Agape Meal, while not the same as Eucharist, is a shared experience designed to highlight our connectedness as a body. This meal is intended to strengthen the fellowship and love among Christ's followers.

Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us now share bread and wine and a time of silent prayer.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

IN CHRIST ALONE

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In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.*

*More than 3,500 years ago God instructed the priests of Israel to bless his people (Number 6:22-27). The result is that God will put his name upon the people, and he will bless them. (Phil. 4:7).

THE LION AND THE LAMB

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He's coming on the cloud
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare his praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before him
Our God is the Lamb; the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world, his blood breaks the chains
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

NEWS AND EVENTS

TOGETHER AGAIN (SORT OF)

We are excited to announce that we will resume worshipping together again in person on Sunday, May 31. Details are still being finalized but here are some noteworthy items. We will have two services. There will be a Special Service at 8:30 a.m. for people considered to be “at risk,” i.e., those over 65 or those who have underlying health conditions. For everyone else, we have our Regular Service at 10:30 a.m. We will also offer live streaming for people who are not comfortable gathering at this time. Be on the lookout for a fuller announcement soon.

MIDDAY PRAYER

In these days of anxiety and stress, we all need a spiritual boost. One great way is by stopping regularly for a few minutes to be with God. To help you in that, we are offering Midday Prayer, from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer. Luke Kunefke is leading it live on Monday—Friday from 12:15-12:30 p.m. at our Facebook page. Give it a try. It will refresh your day.

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

In these uncertain times, it is easy to be anxious, discouraged or depressed. One way to help those who might be suffering is to become an encourager, someone who builds others up. If you have a story of how God has worked in your life or a way that God has encouraged you, let’s share these stories. Please send to bob@graceanglicankaty.com. Here is a good word from Sandy Tomme.

Just a quick note to let you know, I feel much more immersed in God’s word throughout this pandemic as a result of the morning prayer, noonday prayer, church on Sunday morning and the 3 Bible studies I am participating in as a result of technology. I am so excited God has allowed the use of FaceBook live and Zoom meetings to allow me to participate on a much deeper and time committed level than if life was “back to normal.” Anyway, just a note to let you know—even in this time—God is on the move!

ADULT FORUM

We have resumed our Adult Forum study of God as seen through the Nicene Creed. It will be via Zoom from 9:30-10:15 a.m. If you need the link, contact Bill Russell, bill@graceanglicankaty.com.

GIVING

During this uncertain and stressful time, with no Sunday offering, our congregational giving has been remarkably consistent. Thank you for your faithfulness. As a reminder, you may give in the following ways.

- By check through the mail: 24968 Katy Ranch Rd. #100, Katy TX, 77494
- Online: our website www.graceanglicankaty.com has a link at the top for online giving. It will be through PayPal.
- Through your bank: Use Bill Pay or Zelle to have the money sent to us. This is the easiest method. Just set it and forget it. For assistance in setting this up, contact Bill Russell, bill@graceanglicankaty.com.

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Thanks for the many donations to our Benevolence Fund. We are already dispersing it to people impacted by the virus and the economy. If you would like to make a donation, you may use any of the methods shown above. Be sure to designate it as "Benevolence Fund." If you use PayPal, there is no way to designate so you will need to contact Bill Russell (email above) and tell him your designated gift.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Send prayer requests to prayer@graceanglicankaty.com. Our team of dedicated pray-mrs will lift your request to God.

INFORMATION

If you have specific questions about things like God, faith or church send them to info@graceanglicankaty.com. We will respond promptly.

CHECK THE WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Be sure to use these resources for the latest information.