

## Brief Order of Worship for Live Streaming – Sunday April 26 2020 -

### Remembering Our Earthly Home

Prelude

Welcome

Call To Worship: We walk in wonder beneath the sun and stars. Creation is God's masterpiece and we are blessed to share it. We give thanks for the air, the land, and the water and for all the creatures joined together in the web of life. Beauty is before us, around us, over us and beneath us. We join our hearts, minds, and spirits as one in thanks and awe.

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Joined in Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(Water will be poured into the baptismal font)

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you

promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water at this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Song: "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright" ELW #384

Prayer of the Day: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the

giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

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.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [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.

### Message

Hymn of the Day: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" ELW# 389

### Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace: "The peace of God be with you"

### Offering

Offertory "This Easter Celebration" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

tune: Aurelia (The Church's One Foundation)

### Announcements

Sending Song: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" ELW# 377

Benediction: Christ calls us to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion, to serve Earth and the peoples of Earth. Let us now go out to heal our Earthly home!