

April 11, 2021

"CLEOPAS AND A FRIEND:
FAITH DESPITE DISAPPOINTMENT"

Luke 24:13-35

We Gather In Christ

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Philip P. Bliss; arr. Victor Labenske

OPENING PRAYER (Luke 24:13-32)

Lord Jesus Christ,
Stay with us, we pray, in every part of our journey,
no matter how full of doubt or fear we may be today.

Through your Holy Spirit, we pray that you will open our eyes.
Help us recognize you as our risen Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Words by Walter C. Smith

We Recognize our Need to Grow Closer to God

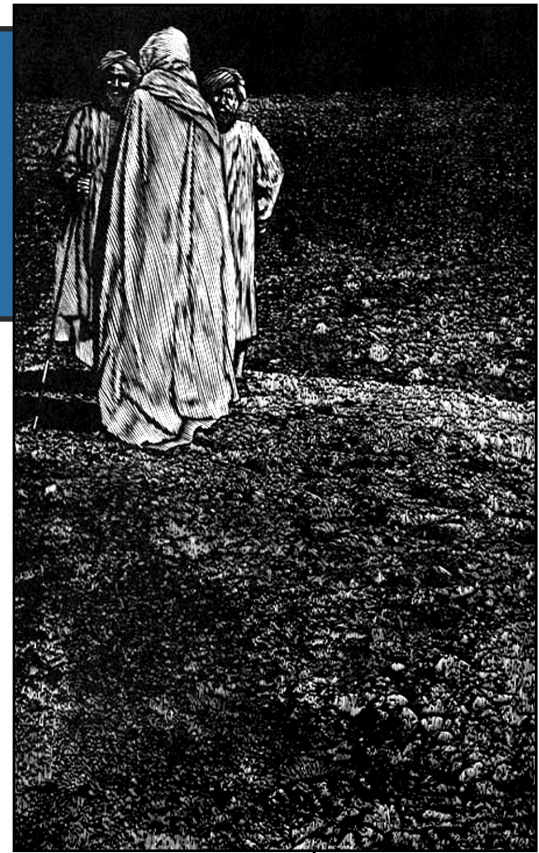
CONFESSING OUR SIN

Lord God, you made the hearts of the disciples glad with the knowledge
of the resurrection of Jesus, your Son.

**Forgive us because, like them,
we find the resurrection so hard to believe.**

Forgive us that we are so easily downcast, and given to despair;
**Forgive us that, although we claim to live by the resurrection faith,
we so often appear to believe that suffering is simply a tragedy,
and that death is the end.**

Forgive us that we take so much convincing of the hope that you give to the world.
**Take away our doubts and fears,
and through your Holy Spirit bring us to life in your service;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



"Where was
Emmaus and why
did they go there?
It was no place in
particular really,
and the only
reason that they
went there was
that it was some
seven miles
distant from a
situation that had
become
unbearable...
Emmaus is
whatever we do
or wherever we
go to make
ourselves forget
that the world
holds nothing
sacred."
—Frederick
Buechner

RECEIVING GRACE

Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter.
Christ comes, to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of
mercy and forgiveness.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Hear the Word

TIME OF DISCOVERY

MESSAGE “Cleopas and a Friend: Faith Despite Disappointment” —Dr. Craig Wansink
Luke 24:13-35

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“In God Alone”
By Jacque Berthier, Taizé

We Respond in Humility

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

“Come to Us, Beloved Stranger”
Words by Edith Sinclair Downing (1993)

*BENEDICTION

As Christ burst forth from the tomb,
may new life burst forth from us,
and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world.
And may that same Christ,
who lives forever and is the source of our new life,
keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always.
Amen.

“I have decided
to stop fighting
the prospect of
getting lost and
engage it as a
spiritual practice
instead. The
Bible is great
help to me in
this practice,
since it reminds
me that God
does some of
God’s best work
with people
who are truly,
seriously lost.”
—Barbara
Brown Taylor