



SEASON OF EASTER
April 26, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Lasst Uns Erfreuen (Let Us Rejoice)
(From Adoring Praise, No. 1)

E. L. DIEMER

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Jon Haug

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The tomb is empty, the cross is left bare.

We testify to the hope and promise that is ours,
even if we have not seen Christ face to face.

We have seen the risen Christ in the faces of neighbors and friends,
through the love and encouragement of family and the stranger.

Christ is there in the courage of those serving the sick and most in need,
and in the faces of our unhoused neighbors.

As we walk this Easter road,

we look for how Christ walks with us and is made known in unexpected ways.

Christ is risen indeed,

Alleluia!



1 When pain of the world sur - rounds us with dark - ness and de -
 2 We see with . . fear and trem - bling our ach - ing world in
 3 The church is a ho - ly yes - sel the liv - ing wa - ters
 4 We praise you . . for our jour - ney and your a - bun - dant



spair, when search - ing just con - founds us with
 need, con - fess - ing to each oth - er our
 fill to nour - ish all the peo - ple, God's
 grace, your sav - ing word that guid - ed a



false hopes ev - 'ry - where, when lives are starved for mean - ing and
 waste - ful - ness and greed. May we with stead - fast car - ing the
 pur - pose to ful - fill. May we with hum - ble cour - age be
 strug - gling hu - man race. O God, with all cre - a - tion, your



des - ti - ny is bare, we are called to fol - low Je - sus and
 hun - gry chil - dren feed. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
 o - pen to God's will. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
 fu - ture we em - brace. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and



let God's heal - ing flow through us.
 let God's jus - tice flow through us.
 let God's Spir - it flow through us.
 let God's chang - es flow through us.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God,

your Son makes himself know 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. Amen.

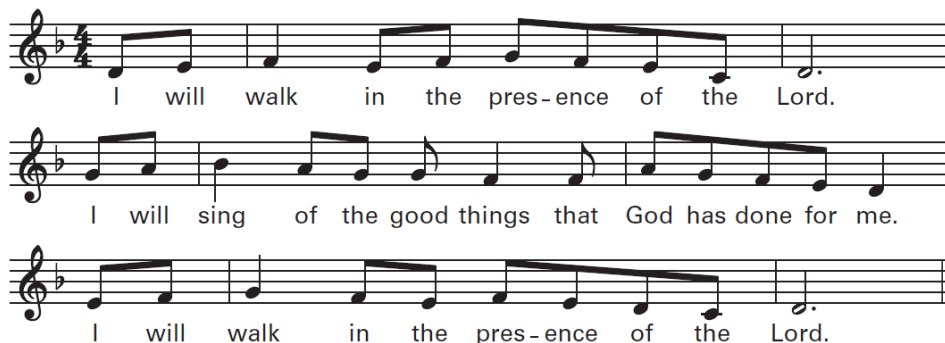
WORD

PSALM 116

In The Presence Of God

T. KENDZIA

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song; 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.



Verses Love you, I love you; you have heard my voice. I will call your name, cry out your name, as long as I shall live. **Refrain.**

Comfort me, you care for me, you have rescued me. You have heard my cry, have heard my plea. You save my soul from death. **Refrain.**

Gracious is your hand, O God, merciful and just. God, your love protects the lowly ones; your kindness has no end. **Refrain.**

LESSON

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.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.



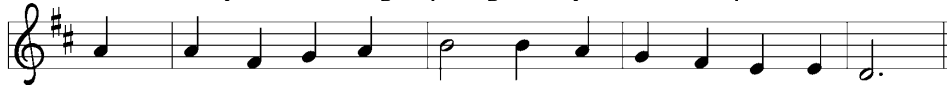
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

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.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISÉ

O Word Of God Incarnate

See previous, Vs. 3 only

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Vicar Carolyn Brodt

SERMON

Pastor Amy Kienzle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition: Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you and your household.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

In this time of national emergency and global concern, we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's lavish love with our tithes and offerings. You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email that transmitted this worship service, where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's website and the secure giving app or simply click the OFFERING title above. You can give directly to the St. John's General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.

If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our Worship With St John's Card here.

After making your offering, please return to the Worship Service.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

On Emmaus' Journey

HOLY MANNA



Choir 1. Who are you who walk in sor - row
Choir 2. Who is this who joins our jour - ney,
Choir 3. Who are you? Our hearts are o - pened
All 4. Who are we who trav - el with you
All 5. "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"

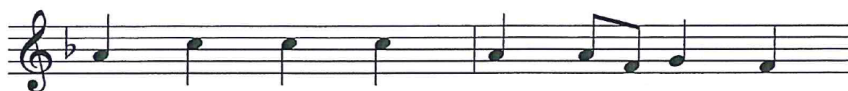


down Em - ma - us' bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and
walk - ing with us stride by stride? Un - known Stran - ger,
in the break - ing of the bread. Christ the vic - tim,
on our way through life to death? Wom - en, men, the
is the Eas - ter hymn we sing! Take our life, our



hope de - feat - ed, bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load?
can you fath - om depths of grief for one who died?
now the vic - tor, liv - ing, ris - en from the dead!
young, the ag - ing, wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath!
joy, our wor - ship as the gift of love we bring.

Music continued on next page...



Name - less mourn - ers, we will join you,
Then the won - der! When we told you
Great Com - pan - ion on our jour - ney,
At the font you claim and name us,
You have formed us all one peo - ple



we who al - so mourn our dead. We have stood by
how our dreams to dust have turned, Then you o - pened
still sur - prise us with your grace! Make each day a
born of wa - ter and the Word. At the ta - ble
called from ev - 'ry land and race. Make your church your



graves un - yield - ing, eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
wide the Scrip - tures till our hearts with - in us burned!
new Em - ma - us; on our hearts your im - age trace!
still you feed us, host us as our Ris - en Lord!
ser - vant Bod - y, sent to share your heal - ing grace!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God,

our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Please dip your finger in bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We have gathered here in communion with you, O Christ, through this virtual portal of time and space. While we are not able to partake of the body and blood of Jesus in the sacrament, we join in prayer to express our longing in this time of fasting from communion:

O Christ, I believe that you are present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the full sacrament, I invite you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Help me to remember that nothing in heaven or on earth can separate me from the love of God through you. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN *We Are Companions On The Journey*

C. LANDRY

Refrain

We are com-pan-ions on the jour - ney, break-ing bread and shar-ing life; and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we be-lieve in the love of our God, we be-lieve in the love of our God.

Verse 1

1. No long-er strang-ers to each oth - er; no long-er 1. strang-ers in God's house; we are fed and we are nour-ished by the strength of those who care, by the strength of those who care.

Verse 2

2. We have been gift-ed with each oth - er, and we are called by the Word of the Lord: to act with jus-tice, to love ten-der - ly, and to walk hum-bly with our God, to walk hum-bly with our God.

Verse 3

3. We will seek and we shall find; we will knock and the door will be o-pened; we will ask and it shall be giv-en, for we be-lieve in the

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to Refrain

3. love of our God, we be-lieve in the love of our God.

Verse 4

4. We are made for the glo-ry of our God, for ser-vice in the name of

4. Je-sus; to walk side by side with hope in our hearts, for we be-

to Refrain

4. lieve in the love of our God, we be-lieve in the love of our God.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Share this Good News
and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

Fugue In B
(From *Prelude And Fugue In B Major, Op. 7, No. 1*)

M. DUPRE

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Welcome
Preacher
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Director of Worship & Music
Assistant Director of Worship & Music
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Cantors

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