

**St. James Episcopal Church
Batavia, New York**



“Emmaus” by Robb McCoy

**A Guide for In-Home Morning Prayer for
Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020**

*You are an important part of the St. James Community.
Even though we pray in our homes separated by distance,
we know that we are united in love.*

“BCP” refers to “Book of Common Prayer”

The Invitatory and Psalter

Alleluia! Christ is risen. BCP p. 77
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lord, open our lips. BCP p. 80
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: BCP. P. 81
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Jubilate BCP p. 82
Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

- 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!

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The Lessons

The First Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 20 Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

BCP p. 94

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Reflection on the Gospel by Mo. Bonnie Morris+

Breaking Bread with the Risen Lord

It is late in the day, that first Easter Sunday. Two of Jesus' disciples are walking toward Emmaus. Why? Are they going home? Do they feel that their work is over, done, it is time to return to the old life? They had a nice run with Jesus, that interesting, confusing, profound Rabbi who had wanted to change everything. But now he's gone. They had hoped that he was the one, the Messiah, but no. They walk with sadness and disappointed hope.

The two meet a stranger on the road, and share their experience and their sadness. They meet Jesus—he's a nice man, good to talk to, but they don't change.

Then something happens. In the breaking of the bread they recognize Jesus. Now they know who he is. This makes all of the difference. They are transformed! "Didn't we know it all along?" "Didn't we burn with his fire?" they say with excitement. Now, they are back in the game. They have recognized their Risen Lord, and that changes everything. They no longer wander back to the old way. They no longer say those saddest of words "we had hoped". They have the energy, the living hope of Jesus afire in their hearts.

Immediately, (it's night, it's a dangerous, rocky, uphill walk back to Jerusalem) they return to the other disciples. They return to their work, to what they have been called to do. All that Jesus had taught and done, all that Jesus had shown in his example, in his dedication to God and to Love, this is now their way, their work, their lives.

These two disciples are us, you and me. It is so easy to feel at times, due to circumstances, that we are left hopeless and it's just time to give up. No, Jesus says, you have me. You have each other. You have my work to do in your life. You have my Life, my Love and my Fire. Jesus calls us, and walks with us on our own Road to Emmaus, our walk in sadness, and when we turn and recognize him, he turns us. And that changes everything!

The Prayers

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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.

Collect of the Day

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 Prayers of the People

Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! So, let us pray to our Lord saying, "To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go.

To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the barren places of this world.

To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Living Savior, you hold the future. Bless and restore our families, communities and our world. Protect those who live to serve and protect others, especially Eric, David, Paul, Brandon, Michael, Alex, Chad, Jim, Devyn and Trevor. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus the health of the world, pour out your balm on our souls and the souls of all in pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all people.

Especially Douglas, Tim, Aiden, Gabriella, Diana, Carla, Venus, Debbie, Paul, Beth Ann, Cathy, Wendy, Evan, Matt, Travis, Pat, Nicholas, Bob, Charlene, Brian, Rita, Garth, Jessica, Dave, Richie, Luka, Mark, Brett, Harold, Charlie,

Steve, Lew-Ann, Joanne and *(Please add names on your personal prayer list here.)* May God keep our loved ones in his hand.

To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!

By your resurrection we all rise in glory. We give thanks to you for the life of Doug and all who have joined the company of the blessed saints.

To you we offer praise eternal; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Loving Father, keep us always in the eternal light of the resurrection of your Son. By your victory, bring us from death to life eternal. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always. Amen.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



*Thank you for joining the St. James community,
and the whole church in prayer and worship.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We pray God's blessing be with you on your special day and every day.

Joanne Lega 4/27, Wayne Townsend 4/29

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Planned Communications **Week of April 19th through April 26th**

April 26, 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

This service will be presented on Facebook.

April 26, 11:00 a.m. "Our Faith" Discussion Group

This group will use Zoom Meeting.

To join go to <https://zoom.us/j/116075920>

or join by phone: (646) 558-8656, and use code 116 075 920

April 22, Noon Bible Discussion Group

This group will use Zoom Meeting.

To join go to <https://zoom.us/j/579180457>

or join by phone: (646) 558-8656 and use code 579 180 457

April 29, 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

This service will be presented on Facebook.

Monday through Friday Evenings at 7 p.m. join us for Evening Prayer with the Genesee Deanery via Zoom.

To join go to <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/725956865> ,

or join by phone: (929) 205-6099 and use code: 725 956 865



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