



Welcome to our service on the 3rd Sunday of Easter

19th April 2026, 10am

The road to Emmaus

Welcome

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Song (242)

¹Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Lord we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted, O Lord, my God,
Hosanna in the highest.

²Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.
Lord, we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted, O Lord, my God,
Glory to the King of kings.

(Carl Tuttle)

Song (445)

¹Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus:
Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and
mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

(Graham Kendrick)

Song (991)

¹*Men:* I will worship (*Women:* I will
worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my
heart),
I will praise you (I will praise you)
With all of my strength (all my
strength).
I will seek you (I will seek you)
All of my days (all of my days),
I will follow (I will follow)
All of your ways (all your ways).

I will give you all my worship,
I will give you all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.

Confession

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

²Lord, I come to your awesome
presence,
From the shadows into your
radiance;
By the blood I may enter your
brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

³As we gaze on your kingly
brightness
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell
your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

²I will bow down (I will bow down),
Hail you as King (hail you as King),
I will serve you (I will serve you),
Give you everything (give you
everything).
I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to your throne (my eyes to
your throne),
I will trust you (I will trust you),
I will trust you alone (trust you
alone).

Chorus.

(David Ruis)

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

Absolution

Collect – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Prayer for Sonlight and Mega, as they leave

Mission update: Sena and Jane Outare-Lare, Crosslinks

Hymn (1209)

¹My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my
disgrace
And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of
sinfulness
And clothed me with his light,
And wrote his law of righteousness
With power upon my heart.

²My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with
strength
And causes fears to fly;

Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

³My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect
peace,
Whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow him.

(Stuart Townend and Keith Getty)

Bible readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied.

“He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then

some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn (799)

¹All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus,
Knowing you, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love you, Lord.*

²Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
To be found in you and known as yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Chorus.

³Oh, to know the power of your risen life,
And to know you in your sufferings.
To become like you in your death, my Lord,
So with you to live and never die.

Chorus.

(Graham Kendrick)

Thanksgiving for our offering

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Intercessions

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Notices and family news

Hymn (41)

¹At the name of Jesus,
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

²Mighty and mysterious
In the highest height,
God from everlasting,
Very Light of light.
In the Father's bosom,
With the spirits blest,
Love, in love eternal,
Rest, in perfect rest.

³Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came;
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death he passed.

⁴Bore it up triumphant

Blessing

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

⁵In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true;
Crown him as your Captain
In temptation's hour,
Let his will enfold you
In its light and power.

⁶Brothers, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory,
With his angel-train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

(Caroline Maria Noel)

We believe Jesus has been raised from the dead in glory.
Amen.

We believe you have been raised with Christ.
Amen.

May our hearts and minds be set on things above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
Amen.

And the blessing...

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