



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus
Resurrection Stories ~ The Road to Emmaus

April 7, 2024

Liturgist: Pastor Kalland

The Prelude

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Wilbur Held

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

619:1, 2, 8

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(please sing)*

The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen. *(please sing)*

Pastor: St. John writes, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:8-9). And so we gather to confess our sin, not because we fear God thinks us unworthy, but because we trust God’s promise to receive us always in mercy and grace. Let us therefore pray together with confidence...

Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.** *(please sing)*

Pastor: Almighty God, in mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. All this is promised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(please sing)*

The Hymn of Praise

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

392:2

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. *(please sing)*

Pastor and Congregation: Dear God, when we gather together for Sunday worship, let us sense both your presence with us and your promise to accompany us always. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

810:1, 4

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Glory to you, O Lord. *(please stand as you are able and sing)*

Now on that same day two of them 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.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please sing)*

The Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(please be seated)

The Welcome

Pastor MacLean

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from *Messiah*

G. F Handel

Amanda Jenkins, soprano and Miriam Jensen, piano

The Offertory Prayer *(please stand as you are able)*

All Creatures of Our God and King

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

377:1

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

The Sermon

Pastor MacLean

The Road to Emmaus

The Closing Hymn *(please stand as you are able)*

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

389:1

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Sending Prayer

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

J. Wayne Kerr

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April Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of Marian J. Danielson in her birthday month, by her loving family
In memory of Kelsey Granowski on her birthday, by her loving family
In memory of Carol Knoll, Jean Owens, and Brittany Graves,
by the Knoll and Norlin-Weaver Families
In memory of Graham Andrew Meyer on his birthday,
by Babs Martin, family, and loved ones
In memory of Hank and Agnes Ostlund, by the Ostlund and Hanson Families
In memory of Eldon C. Person on the anniversary of his birth, by his family
In loving memory of Nelson E. Schmidt Sr., by his wife and family
In memory of Mary Williams, by her husband and family
In honor of our 50th wedding anniversary, by Kay and Bill Marohn and family
In honor of our loving families, by Ted and Jeanie Waltz
In honor of our Norwegian family: Sjur, Heidi, Petter,
Anna, Anita, and Mio Isaksen
In celebration of Maren Kind's baptism anniversary on April 4,
by Steve and Deb Kind
In celebration of Joan Polston's birthday
by all of your adoring family as we love celebrating you
In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral Staff

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