



Second Sunday of Easter – Emmaus Road

April 11, 2021

8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Choral”

Joseph Jongen

OPENING SENTENCES

Though your love is burning within us
We do not see you on the road, Jesus.

Open our eyes and our ears
Open our hearts and increase our faith.

How can we understand
Unless someone guides us?

Send us out rejoicing,
As we have been saved through your grace

And not through our own works.
It is no longer I who live

But it is Christ who lives in me.
We are all your children through faith.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Mysterious and Divine Presence, too often our hearts burn within us because our bodies know before our minds that you are here working in us and through us. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“We Praise Thee O God”

Johan Helmich Roman

FIRST READING

Psalm 30

Today’s first reading is from the Psalms:

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
⁵For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."
⁷By your favor, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
⁸To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:
⁹"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"
¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

NARRATIVE READING

Luke 24:13-35

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?" ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Rise Up, My Heart, With Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us proclaim the faith that we share:

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We gather our prayers using a sung response

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.



Melody: Traditional Korean folksong

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you listen as we offer our prayers.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**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.**

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

POSTLUDE

“Fête”

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