

3rd Monday of Easter

The next story we come to is about the trip to Emmaus. It is a story about people who doubted Jesus' resurrection. They thought it was a rumour...

'Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.' (Luke 24:31)

PRELUDE

GREETING: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord God Almighty Reigns.
Worthy is Christ the Lamb, Alleluia, alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE **Alleluia Alleluia**
For our Lord God Almighty reigns
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Alleluia, Alleluia
Holy Holy
You are Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
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Amen.

PRAYER O Risen Christ,
even as you appeared to despondent disciples in the garden, at your tomb,
and on the road to Emmaus. Assure us now of your presence and power
during this time of need and sorrow.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-49
READING

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER Living Jesus,
whose presence on our daily road
we often fail to see;
warm our hearts with fresh confidence in your Word,
so that, in making room for the stranger beside us,
we find your hospitality awaiting us,
and the reassurance of your presence
to inspire us to tread the road again
and to share the good news of your resurrection life.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:

When we aren't sure,
God, help us be calm;
when information comes
from all sides, correct and not,
help us to discern;

when fear makes it hard to breathe,
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,
slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts,

when we can't touch with our hands;
help us to be socially connected,
when we have to be socially distant;
help us to love as perfectly as we can,
knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."

For the doctors, we pray,
for the nurses, we pray,
for the technicians and the janitors and the
aides and the caregivers, we pray,
for the researchers and theorists,
the epidemiologists and investigators,
for those who are sick,
and those who are grieving, we pray,
for all who are affected,
all around the world...
we pray
for safety,
for health,
for wholeness.

May we feed the hungry,
give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked and house those without homes;
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,
and may we do all that we can to heal
the sick—
in spite of the epidemic,
in spite of the fear.

**Help us, O God,
that we might help each other.
In the love of the Creator,
in the name of the Healer,
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all,
we pray.
May it be so.**

Risen Christ,
As you journeyed with the two who travelled the Emmaus Road,
travel with us on our journey of faith.
In our encounters on the way
give us compassion to listen to the other's story,
patience to explain what may seem obvious to ourselves,
and courage to make ourselves vulnerable,
so that others may encounter you through us
and we may rediscover you through them. **Amen.**

by Lindsey Sanderson

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Leading in Worship
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Daisy Chia-How: Scripture Reader
Josh and Amelia Leo: Musicians

Worship Resources
Opening Prayer

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Prayers of the People:

Right Rev. Richard Bott, "A prayer during times of COVID-19" originally posted on facebook,
accessed on April 15, 2020 <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmontreal/posts/10158189931584636>

Prayer of Response:

accessed on April 15, 2020. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/04/prayer-warm-our-hearts.html~>

Music:

Smith, M.W. Agnus Dei. Worship. Sony/ATV Milene Music. CD. Recorded 2001

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