

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



*Jesus himself stood among them and said to them,
"Peace be with you." . . . Luke 24:36b*

The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Harry Wooten

The reading for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share today. In today's lesson, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Prelude from Partita on "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

arr. by Matthew H. Corl

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten & Worshipers

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

and by those wounds we are healed.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Invocation

Harry Wooten

God of Life, your risen Son has gathered us into the church, nourished us with his body and blood, and poured out upon us your Holy Spirit. Grant that we may receive the blessing of your grace, so that we may love you with all our hearts, and gladly feed your sheep in the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshipers

O Christ, Your Friends Were Gathered — AURELIA

(stanzas 1, 2 & 3)

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

John Helms

God of grace, our journeys have taken many twists and turns. To be sure, we have not traveled on the same roads. Some of us have taken the main road, others have taken the back road and a lot of us have gotten stuck on the road. But our risen Lord has journeyed in our midst unbeknownst to us. He has journeyed in the stranger that we didn't recognize — the one who asked us many questions about our faith; questions that challenged us to grow deeper. Then as we got to know the stranger, we were awakened to the fact that they were the risen Christ in our midst and our eyes were opened. Help us, O God, to be ever attentive to welcoming the stranger who invites us along the road less traveled — the road of love, justice-seeking and peace.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud or post in the comments section.

Let us pray:

God of resurrection, in our post-Easter journeys we have encountered Christ when we have extended and received hospitality amid the crises of the pandemic, the racial reckoning and ongoing economic disparity. We've also encountered Christ when white privilege has been challenged and new ways of being your community have emerged. Empower us to become your beloved community and enable us to welcome the stranger to the table so that we can break bread together. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Response [see insert]

Worshippers

On Emmaus' Journey — HOLY MANNA
(stanzas 1, 2 & 5)

Scripture Lesson

Cathy Walling

Luke 24:36b-48 [see insert]

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Ensemble

Day of Arising — Carl Schalk

*Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.*

*When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.*

*Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.*

*Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.*

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Scarred and Hungry ”

Offertory

David Weigle

To Render Thanks Unto the Lord BISHOPSTHORPE — Robert J. Powell

Communion

Michael Gregg & Worshipers

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

We lift up our hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord or God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit: Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love:
We praise you for Jesus Christ, who reminds us that even in fear-filled days, cloaked
with the powers of death, your eternal love arises, and never leaves us. For we rejoice
with all your people

**Holy is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,
whose mercy gathers us together in community,
whose grace meets us in our brokenness,
and whose loving faithfulness gives us renewed hope.**

On the night before Jesus died, He took a loaf of bread,
Gave thanks, broke it, and said,

“Take and eat, this is my body, given for you,
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup and poured saying,

“This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you
and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

(continued)

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

**We remember Christ's life of love, and friendship, and teaching.
We remember Christ's dying, and rising to life again.**

The body of Christ,
the bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,
the cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

O Christ, we thank you for the feast of life. Fed by your love and strengthened by your life; we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope, and to share your joy.

You commission us to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved, Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sung Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Remember Me — O WALY WALY



Re - mem - ber me in bread and wine When-e'er you share this meal of__ mine.



I gave my__ life to set you free. With thanks and praise, re - mem - ber__ me.

Blessing

Michael Gregg

Let us go forth having laid down our burdens.
Let us go forth rich in spirit,
knowing that God has a plan for our lives.
And let us go forth as witnesses to God's hope
of justice, peace, grace, and love.
Believing fully that Christ is among all humanity,
now and always.
Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Voluntary on "Thine Be the Glory" — Matthew H. Corl

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Hymn Notes

O Christ, Your Friends Were Gathered

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Remember Me

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Quarterly Church Conference

The Quarterly Church Conference will be held on April 21, 6:00 pm — Zoom

Financial Update

Heads Up! The church revenues during February and March barely covered our staff salaries. Please, if you can catch up on pledge offerings or your routine plate offerings, now is the time to help us catch up. If you can “pay it forward,” that would be helpful, also! We want to encourage all divisions to limit spending for now to absolutely necessary expenses. Hopefully, we can be on a firm financial foundation before we gather at the church in July.

Nancy K. Ferrell, Treasurer

Link to registration may be found on the Royal Lane Website.
See Upcoming events for April.

Pick up your reserved meals at Royal Lane Baptist Church
on April 23, 5:00 – 6:00 pm,



**Women of the Church Picnic
“Together Again” – Brown Bag Picnic
Saturday, May 1, 12:00 pm**

We will gather to reminisce about the past year, make plans for the coming year and enjoy each other's company.

Bring your own lunch, wear your mask and we will visit outside under our beautiful trees.

For more information, contact Karen Miller, kmiller238@sbcglobal.net



O Christ, Your Friends Were Gathered

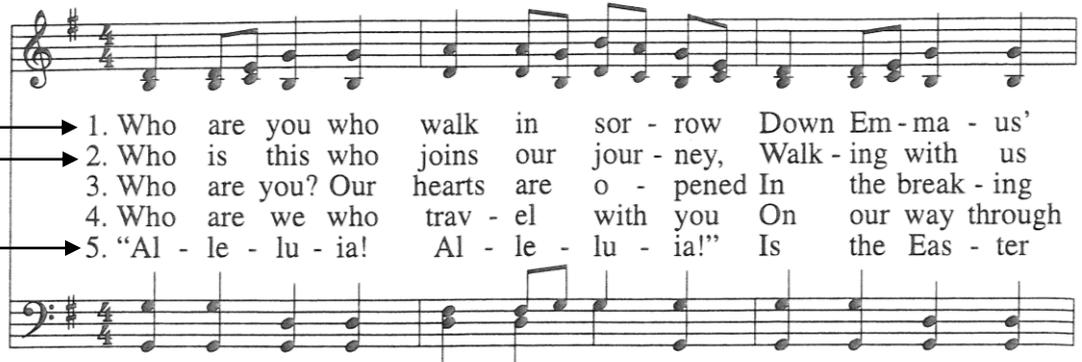
1. O Christ, your friends were ga - thered to - ge - ther in a room.
2. You met your friends and showed them your wound - ed hands and side,
3. You meet us in the pla - ces where all seems doomed or lost,
4. O Christ, your re - sur - rec - tion gives hope and life a - new.

They'd heard the wo - men's sto - ries a - bout your emp - ty tomb.
For you were Je - sus ri - sen and Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
Where peo - ple face op - pres - sion, where chil - dren pay the cost,
And yet your wounds and an - guish give peace and pro - mise, too.

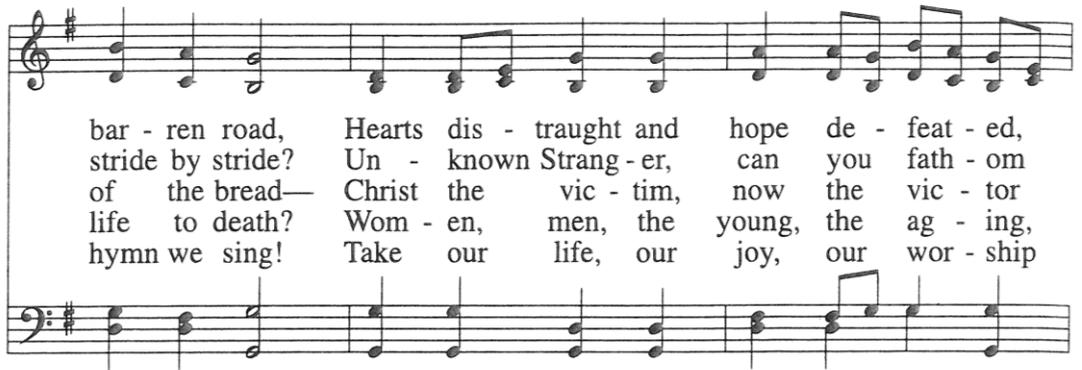
Some talked a - bout Em - ma - us, they'd seen you break - ing bread.
You showed them God had tri - umphed and God had suf - fered pain.
Where poor ones cry in hun - ger, where ill - ness takes its toll:
For you've been there be - fore us! Now send us out to be

Some claimed that you were ri - sen; some thought you still were dead.
And in that in - ter - sec - tion, you made them whole a - gain.
You meet us, suf - f'ring Sa - vior, and make the wound - ed whole.
A church that bears your suf - f'ring and claims your vic - to - ry.

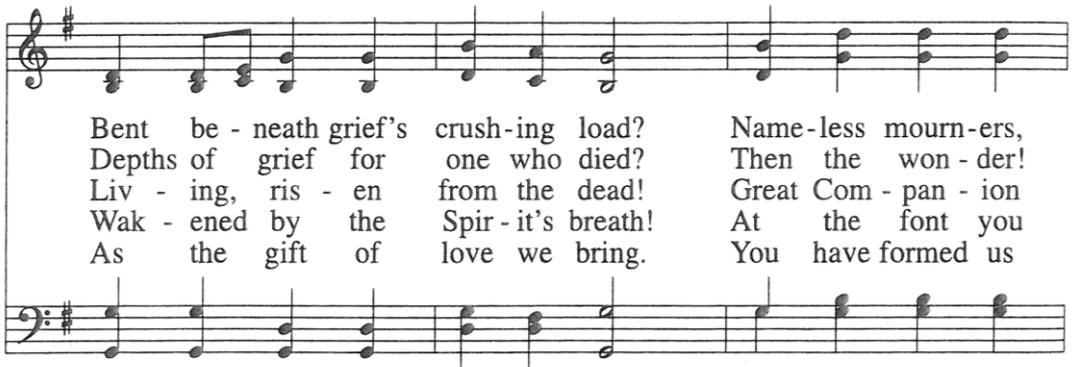
On Emmaus' Journey



1. Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
2. Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
3. Who are you? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing
4. Who are we who trav - el with you On our way through
5. "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter



bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can you fath - om
of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor
life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,
hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great Com - pan - ion
Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font you
As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us

we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead.
 When we told you How our dreams to dust have turned,
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with your grace!
 claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word.
 all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.

We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
 Then you o - pened wide the Scrip - tures
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;
 At the ta - ble still you feed us,
 Make your church your ser - vant Bod - y,

Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
 Till our hearts with - in us burned!
 On our hearts your im - age trace!
 Host us as our Ris - en Lord!
 Sent to share your heal - ing grace!

The Scripture this morning is Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

(NRSV)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... **Thanks be to God.**

Schedule for the Week

Sunday April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter

- 12:00 pm Missions Division — Zoom
- 12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
- 3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
- 4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- 6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom

Tuesday April 20

- 9:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall

Wednesday April 21 – Mosaic

- 6:30 pm Quarterly Church Conference — Zoom
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom

Friday April 23

- 12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
- 5:00 pm Pick Up Reserved Ramadan Dinners
- 7:00 pm Ramadan Iftar Celebration — Zoom
- 8:00 pm Sharing of Ramadan Dinner — Zoom

Saturday April 24

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- 3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
- 8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

Sunday April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter / Earth Day

- 9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
- 10:00 am 4-6-Year-Old Sunday School — Zoom
- 10:00 am Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
- 11:00 am Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
Guest Preacher, Sarah Macias
- 12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
- 3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
- 4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- 6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream and Virtual events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Schedule

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.
See the website for information and resources.
royallane.org

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form,
available on the website at royallane.org/prayer

Deacons on Call

John Helms & Cathy Walling

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Expenses	\$ 104,857
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