



WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

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Risen Christ on the Road to Emmaus,

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GATHERING SONG

AT YOUR NAME

Please stand as you are able.

**At Your name, the mountains shake and crumble
At Your name, the oceans roar and tumble
At Your name, angels will bow, the earth will rejoice
Your people cry out**

Chorus: Lord of all the earth
We shout Your name, shout Your name
Filling up the skies
With endless praise, endless praise
Yahweh, Yahweh
We love to shout Your name, oh Lord

**At Your name, the morning breaks in glory
At Your name, creation sings Your story
At Your name, angels will bow, the earth will rejoice
Your people cry out**

Chorus

**There is no one like our God
We will praise You, praise You
There's no one like our God
We will sing, we will sing
There is no one like our God
We will praise You, praise You
Jesus, You are God
We will sing**

Chorus

PRAYER

Let us pray: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ says: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

BIBLICAL POETRY

SONG OF JUDITH

Said by all

Judith 16:13-16

I will sing a new song to my God, *
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.
Let the whole creation serve you, *
for you spoke and all things came into being.
You sent your breath and it formed them, *
no one is able to resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *
rocks melt like wax at your presence.
But to those who fear you, *
you continue to show mercy.
No sacrifice, however, fragrant, can please you. *
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

As we sing, the reader comes to the middle of the room, just as Christ comes among us. All turn in toward the reader.

**Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There's a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

READING

LUKE 24:13-35

Please sit.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples 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.

CHORUS

NEAR THE CROSS

**In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.**

We are convinced that the wisdom and image of God is present equally in all people. Thus, after the homily and a brief time of pause and Lenten reflection, the floor will be opened for a discussion and sharing around the themes of the text. There is space provided in your bulletins or the art notebooks for you to take notes or reflect in any way that would be meaningful for you. All we be welcome to share.

HOMILY

Please feel free to use the space below to reflect on what words or images might be emerging for you this morning.

CONVERSATION

We welcome now a time of sharing and conversation. There is so much wisdom here, we invite you to share what is coming up for you or what you have drawn or what questions you may have. All are welcome to share. All are welcome to disagree. Please raise your hand and a microphone will come to you.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

This is a statement that we repeat in order to remember who we are, who God is and how we want to live in the world.

Leader God is One God,

All **the almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is - seen and unseen.**

God is Jesus Christ,

the eternal Son, divine and human, our Savior. His life, death, and resurrection reveal to us that God is love.

God is The Holy Spirit,

at work in the world. Speaking through prophets past and present, inspiring us, holding us accountable, leading us to grow into the full stature of Christ.

With God's help,

We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.

With God's help,

We will persevere in resisting evil, and when falling into sin, we will repent and return to God.

With God's help,

We will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

With God's help,

We will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself.

With God's help,

We will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

CONFESSIO AND RESPONSE

God, you have called us to be Love in the world:

We do not always recognize our belovedness;

We do not always recognize the belovedness of our neighbor;

We know we harm our relationship with you

And our relationships with each other

With words said and unsaid

With deeds done and undone

We ask for your unreserved forgiveness.

We ask for your unconditional love.

Help us to forgive without reservation.

Help us to love without condition.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

PEACE

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited, to follow with us on the path of the cross and find the nourishment at the table of God's love.

Come, **Let us walk in love, as Christ loves us.**

As the music plays, the congregation will gather around the altar on the for communion. Please bring your bulletin with you.

SONG

BE THOU MY VISION

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1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee Lord.

3. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer has been adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco.

Celebrant It is with all our hearts and all our minds

People **We give thanks to you, Mother and Father of all creation
You make all things and call them good.
You love us into being,
You form us in your image
and breathe into us the breath of life.**

Intercessor Give thanks for God's work among all of her people.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant When we turn away, when we ignore your love.

All **You remain steadfast. You are faithful to us.
You liberate us from captivity,
Freeing us to love your world more fully
You set before us the way of life.**

Intercessor Pray for enemies and for friends.
Free prayers from the people.

Intercessor Pray for the violent and for those who suffer at others' hands.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By his baptism of suffering and death
you give your people birth into a living hope.
Raising Jesus from the dead,
you make a new covenant with us,
by water and the Spirit,
and give us to one another.

All **We who were lost people are now your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who calls us out of death into his Life.**

Intercessor Pray for the hungry and sick and afraid.
Free prayers from the people.

Intercessor Pray for prisoners and those without homes.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant On the night when he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: this is my Body which is broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Intercessor Pray for the dead and for mourners.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant On the third day you raised Jesus from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.

Celebrant On that day Jesus was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.
And so, remembering these your
mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you
our God.**

Celebrant Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until all may feast at your heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, and
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
we are bold to say

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION

Behold what you are. Become what you receive.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to gather at the table of God's love.

If you would like to receive the sacrament, please come forward.

Once you have received the bread, you are invited to dip it in the cup or drink from the cup if you would like.

If you would like gluten free, please let us know.

After, you are invited to return to your original seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC

HANDS AND FEET
THE BRILLIANCE

For all the strides we've made
For all of our blessings
We've fallen far away from truth
Turning our face away from this hurting race
We turned our face away from you
We want to be your hands your feet
Without words will let our actions speak
For every broken heart for every widow
For those without shelter from the rain
We lift our eyes to you looking for answers
When we have been called to ease the pain
We want to be your hands your feet

Without words will let our actions speak
So, here we are
Words can only go so far
Draw us closer to your heart
Bring us back to you
Bring us back to you

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Said by all, please turn to face the open doors of the nave, as we prepare to go into the world.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer!

We love the sound of kids in our service.

Here are some ideas to keep them engaged:

Relax: It's OK for kids to be kids. We offer coloring pages, worship bags, and books they can use during the service.

Sit Close: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see.

Explain: Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

Participate: Kids learn by mimicking what you do. So sing, pray, respond, etc. and kids will follow your lead.

Wander: It's OK to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids wander.

Need to Leave? No problem, there are spaces to take a break - kids need that sometimes. Come back when you're ready!

Ask: Questions or need help? Just ask our ushers.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19:14 NRSV



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YOUR NAME
Here

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG - As we gather together for worship today it is important to wear your nametag to help us all remember names or just meet for the first time. Don't have a nametag yet? Sign-up for one in the narthex/lobby near the entrance to the chapel. It will be ready for you next Sunday in the nametag cabinet.

CALENDAR

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
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<i>Sacristan</i>	Raymond Cook
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<i>Bread Guild</i>	Sarah Lee
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Denise Beauchamp, Kathe Kissel, Kathleen Stengel, Laurie Maguire

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