

Mid Week Morning Prayer
From "A Wee Worship Book"

Opening Responses

Leader: From the rising of the sun
Till its setting in the west,

All: GOD'S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: On the lips of children
By babies at the breast,

All: GOD'S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: In the visions of the old
And the dreaming of the young,

All: GOD'S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: In the banquet hall of heaven
And the forgotten corners of our hearts,

All: GOD'S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: Let all that has life and breath
Praise the Lord.

All: AMEN.
WE PRAISE THE LORD!

Word of God – Luke 24:13-35

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.

Prayer

Leader: O God our Creator,
Your kindness has brought us
The gift of a new morning.
Help us to leave yesterday,
And not to covet tomorrow
But to be served by each other.

(Silence)

Leader: Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us

**ALL: JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD,
HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

Leader: I believe that God forgives and sets us free.

**ALL: WE BELIEVE THAT GOD FORGIVES
AND SETS US FREE;
AND AT THE DAY’S BEGINNING,
WE COMMIT OURSELVES
TO FOLLOWING WHERE CHRIST CALLS
AND TO LOVING ONE ANOTHER.**

Collect (*From the Celtic tradition*)

May the blessing of light be upon us,
Light without and light within.
May the blessed sunshine on us
And warm each heart
Till it glows like a great fire,
So that strangers and friends
May come in a warm themselves.
And may the light shine out
From our eyes,
Like a candle set in the windows of a house,

And may the Lord bless us,
And bless us kindly.

Blessing

Leader: Lord, set your blessing on us
As we begin this day together.
Confirm in us the truth
By which we rightly live;
Confront us with the truth
From which we wrongly turn.

We ask not for what we want
But for what you know we need,
As we offer this day and ourselves
For you and to you
Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour

ALL: AMEN.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.