

Christ Church Gabriola

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church
Open to All



Rembrandt van Rijn "Road to Emmaus"

Hybrid Church Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

Presider: *The Rev. Deborah van der Goes*
Musician: *Dorothy Dittrich*

We acknowledge these lands upon which we worship are the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

*Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Whether you are gathering in person, on zoom or worshipping at home with the bulletin, welcome! We are one community, one in the body of Christ.

Centering Stillness

Presider: Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.

(silence)

Presider: Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?

All: Do we not know him in the breaking of bread?

The Christ Candle is Lit (this dialogue to be sung 3x)

One: The Light of Christ (sung)

All: Thanks be to God! (sung)

Greeting

Presider: The grace of Christ Jesus, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you

Collect of the Day

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Hymn: *Christ is Risen*

CP #220

¹Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
tell it out with joyful voice;
Christ has burst his three days' prison:
let the whole wide earth rejoice!
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

²Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow;
Lent's long shadows have departed,
all his woes are over now,
and the Passion that he bore;
sin and pain can vex no more.

³Christ is risen, Christ is risen;
he hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

The Word

Reader George Westarp
By the gift of your Spirit, calm and quiet our souls that we may hear your
Word today and be lifted up to walk with you. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen

Reader: God be with you
All: And also with you
Reader: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All: Glory be to you, O Christ

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!

Reflection: **Seeing Anew**
(silent reflection)

Creed *(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)*
We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.
We believe and trust in the Three in One.

Prayers of the People
One: Loving God,
All: Hear Our Prayer.

Betty Schultze

Hymn: Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

CP #216

¹Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

²For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
crushing the serpent's head;
and cries aloud through death's domains
to wake the imprisoned dead.

³Devouring depths of hell their prey
at his command restore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where Jesus goes before.

⁴Triumphant in his glory now
to him all power is given;
to him in one communion bow
all saints in earth and heaven.⁸

⁵All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,
while endless ages run.

The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

You are invited to turn to those directly around you and share Christ's peace. Those on zoom, please unmute and share with one another.

The Service of Holy Eucharist

(Using the Eucharistic Prayer written for the Diocese of Islands and Inlets)

Offering Invitation

Presider: Let us now gather our offerings. *(while music is played)*

Doxology *(sung as offerings brought forward)*

CP #669

Praise God the Source of life and birth,

Praise God the Word, who came to earth.

Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.

All Glory, honour to God's name.

Prayer over the Gifts

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Presider: God is here

People: The Spirit is with us.

Presider: Lift up your hearts and minds.

People: We lift them to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you,

God of love, our source and our fulfillment,

or you create all things and in you we live and move and have our being.

Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

You made us in your image.

And even though we turn from you,

again and again you call us to yourself,

and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own,

to nurture them in the way of compassionate love.

You sent Jesus among us,

incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.

Jesus revealed your love for all Creation,

and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us - Jesus suffered the cross,

died, and in rising again

became the firstborn of the renewed family.

And so as we gather around your table,

With saints of every age and your beloved creation we raise our voices

and sing:

Sanctus

MV #203

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

Presider: To you be glory, almighty God,

because on the night before he died,

Jesus took bread,

when he had given thanks,

he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body

which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;

when he had given thanks,

he gave it to them and said:

Drink this all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant,

Poured out for you and for many;

do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation

MV #204

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

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Presider: Recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept

this, our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered

here, and on these gifts of bread and wine that we may be fed with the

body and blood of your Son. When all of creation groans, unite us in

Christ and give us your hope that we might be strengthened to do your

work, as your body in the world. Through Christ our Redeemer, in the

power of the Spirit, all praise and glory be yours, Almighty God, now and

forever. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Jesus (sung)
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your Kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

VU #959

⁴Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Presider: Let us go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia

Presider: The One who defeated death and injustice is now present in this bread. The One who offers our life promise and hope is now present in this wine.

People: Breaking into our lives and community, We ask God for new life in Christ.

Communion is shared

Prayer After Communion

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord.
Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn: *Lord of All Hopefulness*

CP #506

¹Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

²Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

³Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.