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Abstract

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Luke 24:25-27

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First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36–41
Psalm Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19
New Testament 1 Peter 1:17–23
Gospel Luke 24:13–35

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Two disciples walk back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. They are in despair about the death of Jesus. Jesus appears and walks beside them, but they do not recognise him. He teaches them from the Scriptures, and they see who he is when he breaks bread with them.

This week's resources explore: how Jesus takes time to explain his own story.

	<p>Pre-Service TIS #368 – “This is the day the lord has made”</p>
	<p>Greeting</p> <p>May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ The Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all</p> <p>and also with us</p>
	<p>We Gather</p> <p>Come, walk with him. Come, talk with him. Come, feast with him. Come, worship Jesus, our risen Lord.</p> <p><i>Let us pray</i> God, we gather as your people. We come to walk a journey together, to talk and to share along the way, [to feast on bread and wine], to meet and to know Jesus. Help us to marvel at all that Jesus has done for us. Amen.</p>

	<p>Hymn/song TIS #370 – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” 70 TIS 370 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Album version</p>
	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Hi, and welcome to today’s service.</p> <p>When I was a young lad, during summer evenings we would often make a campfire on the beach at Sisters Creek in Tasmania when such things were still possible. We would share our stories, our dreams our hopes and our plans.</p> <p>For the past 5 weeks we have lived in a different world. Certainly, one of Social Distancing and isolation, but also of exploring exciting new ways of doing things.</p> <p>When I began doing these services, it was an attempt to try and do something for a limited number of people that might access it.</p> <p>To my astonishment, today we are sharing worship around our campfire church with between 150 and 200 others. That is not isolation, but a collection of souls around the world sharing and loving together.</p> <p><i>Let us pray</i> Risen Saviour, risen Lord, we come to you today. We come to share in your story. We come to feast with you. We approach your throne with the knowledge that you died for us and rose again. Hallelujah, risen Lord Jesus. Hallelujah.</p> <p>Amen.</p>
	<p>Readings Luke 24:13-35 (https://youtu.be/BNbaiT8m2M4)</p> <p><i>respond</i> For the word of the Lord</p> <p>Thanks be to God</p>
	<p>We say Sorry</p> <p>Risen Lord, we are sorry that we fail to recognise you in our midst, that we are too preoccupied with ourselves. We are sorry that we let you down,</p>

that we feast and don't invite others to share with us.

We are sorry
that we welcome friends but not always the stranger,
or anyone who makes us feel uncomfortable.

Forgive us, Lord.
Help us to be generous people,
our church, our homes – and our hearts –
always places of welcome.

Amen.

Hymn/Song

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What A Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
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	<p>Bridge</p> <p>Death could not hold You The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again</p> <p>Bridge</p> <p>You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names</p> <p>Chorus 3</p> <p>What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus</p> <p>Ending</p> <p>What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus</p> <p>CCLI Song # 7068424 Ben Fielding Brooke Ligertwood © 2016 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia For use solely with the SongSelect®. Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com Note: Reproduction of this sheet music requires a CCLI Music Reproduction License. Please report all copies. CCLI Licence # 389309</p>
	<p>Response</p>
	<p>Hymn/song</p> <p>TIS #380 – “Yours be the glory” 20 - TIS 380 Yours Is The Glory</p>
	<p>Prayers for all people</p> <p><i>Imagine you are present at the meal at the end of the journey to Emmaus. Then say together:</i></p>

Risen Christ, friend, companion, healer:
 as I walk the road in front of me
 be by my side and never leave.

Lord,
 we bring to you the needs of the world.

We pray for those who consider themselves to be strangers and outcasts.
 Help us always to welcome the stranger, whatever the cost,
 not sitting comfortably and ignoring people we think don't fit in,
 not taking the easy way.

May our homes and churches be places of welcome,
 hospitality and love,
 that all may have the chance to recognise and see you
 In the warmth of those around them.

We pray for countries where food is in short supply.
 May we farm sustainably and eat sensibly,
 so there is enough to feed the whole planet.
 May we not look only after ourselves but seek to offer
 the same opportunities to all.
 Help us not to be selfish, but always to consider others.
 Lord, we long for the day when all in society will be equal.
 May we be a part of making that happen.

We pray for those who are lonely and have no one
 to eat with them.
 May we open our doors to our neighbours, so that love
 and friendship can flourish, and all can enjoy the feast.
 We ask in Jesus' name.
 Amen.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

Today we will celebrate Holy Communion,
 not as we have always done
 but in the same spirit as we have always done.
 There will be those who choose not to celebrate Holy Communion in this way,
 but instead choose to wait until they are able to physically meet.

We respect your decision,
 but for those who wish to celebrate,
 I ask you to have your own bread and wine
 (maybe a glass of juice or even water if you choose)
 and continue to share with us.

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
 who earnestly repent of their sin

	<p>and seek to live in peace with one another.</p> <p><i>Let us pray</i> Be present, risen Lord Jesus, as you were with your disciples, and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.</p> <p>Amen.</p>
	<p>The Prayer of Thanksgiving</p> <p>The Lord be with you! And also with you! Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise!</p>
	<p>We give thanks with joyful hearts. Dispeller of doubts, source of our faith, we praise you with wonder for caring for us so deeply. We praise you, O God, for raising Jesus from the dead, and for this great assurance of your love for us which we experience in Jesus and through the power of your Spirit.</p>
	<p>With joy over prophecies fulfilled, and promises carried out, we join with faithful people of every time and place to give glory to you:</p> <p>Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are those who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!</p>
	<p>We waved our palms and cried “Hosanna” on Palm Sunday, we held our breath and fear clutched our hearts once more with the words “Crucify him” on Good Friday; so our relief on Easter Day was evident in our eagerness to join in the acclamation that “Christ is risen.”</p> <p>Today, we remember those travellers on the road to Emmaus, who recognised Jesus in the blessing and breaking of the bread.</p> <p>Like them, we receive Jesus’ blessing on us as we share in this meal together.</p> <p>Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread,</p>

	<p>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.</p> <p>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, This cup is my very life poured out for you and for all people. Do this in remembrance of me.</p> <p>And now, O God, breathe your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that through them, we may receive and be nourished by the life of Christ.</p> <p>Bless us all, O God, as we offer our praise and our worship in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Saviour.</p> <p>Amen</p>
	<p>Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN</p>
	<p>The breaking of the bread</p> <p><i>The minister lifts the bread and breaks it in full view of the people</i> <i>The minister lifts the Bread and cup in full view of the people</i> We break this bread and take this cup so that we can all share in the life of Christ. God's gifts for God's people.</p>
	<p>Lamb of God</p> <p>Lamb of God, you find us in our blindness Lift us up. Lamb of God, you lead us to your fold. Hold us close. Lamb of God, you conquer all injustice.</p>

	<p>We cry for peace.</p>
	<p>Distribution</p> <p>Receive this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.</p> <p><i>Words such as the following are said before or during the distribution.</i></p> <p>The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.</p> <p>The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.</p>
	<p>Prayer after Communion</p> <p>We have been reminded of Jesus' sacrificial love for us as we have shared this meal together and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have received his life in us.</p> <p>Gracious God, we make our thanks visible by serving you and one another all those for whom Christ died. Send us in the power of your Spirit to reveal your love in all we do and say.</p> <p>We pray in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen</p>
	<p>Hymn/song TIS #390 – "Alleluia- alleluia- give thanks" 390 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord .m4a</p>
	<p>We are sent out</p> <p>Lord Jesus, as you walked on the road to Emmaus, walk with us on the roads we travel. Help us to know your presence with us, and to be your presence to others. And, at the end of the day, may we all enjoy your feast. Amen.</p> <p>May the Lord bless us</p>

	and keep us May His face shine upon us and be gracious to us May he lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace
	Benediction
	Thank you

Coming Alive To Christ

Luke 24:13-35

Helen Keller could neither see nor hear.

Without hearing or sight, she never knew what it was she was feeling.

One day she was taken to a well where someone was pumping water.

Helen was prompted to let the water run over her hands

and in sign language the teacher spelled into the word, WATER. ⁱ

Suddenly something happened within Helen.

Something dramatic.

Something life changing.

It was only a five-letter word,

but for Helen it was a gigantic breakthrough.

She now had a name for a familiar experience, water.

If this experience had a name,

other familiar objects and sensations must have names as well.

Now she could be a whole person,

experiencing the world as a real human being in spite of her handicaps.

A breakthrough is always exciting, and it was such a breakthrough

That came to two of the disciples of Jesus,

making their way to a village called Emmaus,

about 11 kilometres out of Jerusalem.

They were in mourning.

Their Master had been crucified.

They, along with the other disciples, were stunned beyond words.

They thought he was the one who had come to redeem Israel

but now he was dead; crucified like a common criminal.

as they slowly walked toward Emmaus, they discussed their grief.

They had heard some disturbing news earlier in the day.

Some of the women had been to the tomb early in the morning

And his body was not there.

Instead they encountered an angel who said

that Jesus was not dead but alive.

What could all this mean?

Who could have stolen his body from his grave?

What should they do now?

As they walked and talked between themselves,

a stranger joined them and walked alongside them.

Breaking in on the conversation, he asked,

"What is it you are talking about?"

"Could you be the only visitor to Jerusalem," they asked,

"Who doesn't know the events that have occurred there the last few days?"

Then one of them shared with this stranger

The news of what had happened,

who Jesus was,
what had happened to him,
as well as their present grief and confusion.

Then the stranger said,
"You foolish men, how slow you are to believe all that the prophets have spoken!
Was it not necessary that Christ should suffer these things
and enter into his glory?"
And beginning with Moses and the Prophets,
he interpreted for them
everything in the scriptures relevant to the ministry of the Messiah.

As they neared Emmaus
it became evident that the stranger intended to journey on, past the little village.
They begged him to stay with them for the evening
to share some more of his wonderful insights into God's plan and purpose.
He did stay.

That evening,
when they were gathered around the table,
he took the bread and blessed it, and broke it,
and gave it to them.
It was for them
like the Helen Keller's experience,
When she was given a name for the sensation
of the water as it trickled over her hand.

Suddenly, they knew who this stranger was.
It was Jesus.
The story of the women was true.
He is alive!

Coming alive to Christ is a term we sometimes hear in church.
But how does it happen? Can it happen to us? Well, Yes, it can.
There are at least two ways we modern day followers can have an Emmaus experience.

The first way is through the bread of life which is the word.
"Did not our hearts burn within us," asked those two disciples,
"as he broke to us the bread of life."

For most of us,
that is where we will begin in our encounter with the risen Christ.

It is a shame that many of us have let our daily reading of the Word slide.
Those who discipline themselves
to make daily reading of the Word a part of their lives
invariably find themselves drawn closer to the Master.

John Calvin was fond of comparing the Scriptures to a pair of "spectacles."
He often said that even though we could know something about God
from the wonders of creation,
such knowledge was fuzzy and incomplete without the aid of the Bible.

Calvin insisted that just as people with failing vision need glasses to read
we need to look through the Scripture to "read" the beauty of God.

The other place we are most likely to encounter the risen Christ,
is in the breaking of the bread which is his body.
It is significant that it was when Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it
that the disciples knew who he was!

Hearts have been touched for 2,000 years
when people have taken the bread and the cup and heard those timeless words,
"This is my body which was broken for you. This is my blood which was shed for you."
Part of the power of that sacrament is that we experience it together.
We are Christ's family and we feel that in a most beautiful way
when symbolically we are gathered around his table.

Fellowship is at the heart of the body of Christ.
We are not lone Christians.
The communion table forever is our reminder of that.

That is why, this crazy mixed up world of social isolation,
Many can't bring themselves to share in communion.
But for many, Holy Communion,
is about more than standing next to one another at the communion rail.
It is about a communion of souls
All around the world
Sharing in this beautiful act.

That is what the table of Christ is all about.
That is what the word of Christ is all about.

Having an Emmaus experience is the dawning
that we should it treat one another as we would Christ.
That we should reverencing ourselves as we would Christ.

We are here for two primary reasons:
To break the bread of life which is the Word
and to break the bread which is his body.
Word and sacrament.
Revelation and relationship.
These are where humanity and divinity meet.
That is who we are and what we are about.

So today we long for an Emmaus kind of experience
as we proclaim the Word
and we share together in Christian fellowship and worship.
We know that the risen Christ is among us
and we pray that he will make himself known to us
in the breaking of the bread of life.

Amen

ⁱ David Redding, THE GOLDEN STRING, (Old Tappan, New Jersey: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1988).