



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday of Easter | April 11, 2021

PRELUDE *The Strife Is O'er* arr. Cathy Moglebust  
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## CALL TO WORSHIP

(All speak words in **boldface**.)

Easter people, have you heard the news?

**Christ is here! In our hearts, in our lives, and in our midst.**

Christ is our companion on this road of faith.

**We come, ready for Christ to open our eyes.**

Alleluia! Let us worship God.

HYMN *Hands Once Nailed upon a Cross Beam* HYMN TO JOY

***Hands once nailed upon a cross beam  
cradle all of time and space.***

***Arms outstretched toward earth's horizons  
gather worlds in love's embrace.***

***Feet impaled by spikes of iron  
span unbounded, star-filled skies,  
yet run swifter than the sunlight  
where one child for comfort cries.***

***Nails they drove could not confine him,  
thrusting spear his love destroy,  
Easter life now fills the cosmos,  
touches earth with hope and joy.***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***is the hymn we lift above,  
singing with the whole creation  
praise eternal as his love.***

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## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Holy Companion,  
the resurrection story of Easter takes our breath away:  
life overcomes death, love shatters fear,  
and peace prevails against empire.

We linger joyfully with these lessons for a season!

**We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!**

True Companion,  
we know when your spirit is at work within and between us,  
for it brings food to the hungry,  
hope to the despairing,  
and support to the challenged.

**We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!**

Kind Companion—  
when we forget we bear the mark of your grace  
and act as if you have no claim on our lives, **forgive us;**  
when you call us to the risky work of justice and peace,  
but we default to what is comfortable and safe, **forgive us;**  
when you call us to ministries of generosity and compassion,  
but we make little room in our lives for gestures of mercy, **forgive us.**

“Acompañar” Companion—

open our eyes that we may recognize you in our conversations;  
open our ears that we may follow the sound of your voice;  
and make our hearts burn with courage that we may do good  
as we serve and shepherd and speak;  
while walking side-by-side—with our neighbors, for our neighbors—for you;

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

***Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

TEXT: stanza 4. Charles Wesley, 1740, PD MUSIC: Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. from The Compleat Psalmist, 1749 PD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"The Road Goes On"

Rev. Laura Viau

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors' and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN

*Who Are You*

IN BABILONE

***Who are you? Our eyes are opened in the breaking of the bread—  
Christ, the victim, now the victor living, risen from the dead!  
Great Companion on our journey, still surprise us with your grace!  
Make each day a new Emmaus; on our hearts your image trace!***

*Hymn continued on next page.*

***"Alleluia! Alleluia!" is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship as the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people called from every land and race.  
Make the church your living body, sent to share your healing grace!***

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## BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

### CLOSING RESPONSE

*Day of Arising*

RAABE

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.

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