

A Service of the Word for 26th April Journeying with Jesus

Hymn 468, Lord of the Dance

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0neq_axOslk

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Amen

The Lord be with you

All

and also with you

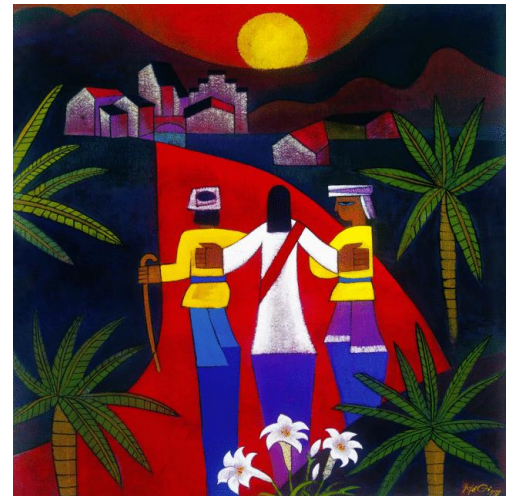
My journey is always just beginning,
A fresh new day.
On an old, old path.
That's the blessing,
That's where the hope blossoms
However much I wandered yesterday
I can start again tomorrow
And when all my tomorrows are used up,
I'll still have travelled
And you know what people say,
It's the journey that counts,
Not the arriving.

**We pray that God will speak loudly
And that we will hear humbly.**

**We pray that God will act mightily
And that we will receive graciously.**

**We pray that God will bless amazingly
And that we will share freely.**

**We pray that God will be close
And that we will walk safely. Amen**



The Road to Emmaus, He Qi

Confession and absolution

Jesus said: 'come to me all that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you'.

All Father, our creator and sustainer
We have not always followed your way
Lord, have mercy

All Christ, our redeemer and friend
We have not always shared our journey with others
Christ, have mercy

All Spirit our support and guide
We have not always waited on you
Lord, have mercy

May almighty God, have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading Acts 2.14a,36-41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice
and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with
certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom
you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

A call to follow

I follow Jesus
Who is man, human, whole, impartial,
Passionate,
Curious
And yet also God, incarnate, creative and created
to walk beside us.

I follow the Shepherd
Like a lamb, trusting, comforted, safe,
Held in a strength
Beyond my own.

Knowing that I am sought, special, precious
And enabled to be.

I follow the saints,
Those who followed him before,
Those who died
To self, for Him,

I learn from their lives, sacrifice and wisdom.
God given.

I follow because
I am called, desired, loved and cherished
By my Creator,
My Saviour.

Asked only to love in return, love others
And be loved.

Reading Luke 24.13-35

13On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. 18Then 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?' 19Jesus 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, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But 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. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and 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. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' 25Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But 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. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. 32They 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?' 33That same hour they got up and returned to

Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Hymn Jesus stand among us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWt5z4G7F1A>

Reflection



The Creed

**We believe in God,
the creator of all life and beauty,
who blesses our journey.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived as a friend and saviour to all he met
as he travelled the countryside.
who ate and laughed,
wept and celebrated with people in all walks of life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the breeze in the country
touching all with gentleness and love;
who strengthens our commitment,
who offers us eternal hope.**

**We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travellers
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.**

The Peace

Christ, who walks your road before you,
alongside you, beneath you,
Sustain you and grant you his peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you

We share the peace with each other remotely

Hymn 622 Will you come and follow me
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o469PRLdbHU>

Prayers, concluding with The Lord's Prayer

All **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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Closing prayer

**Lord God, we thank you
for calling us into the company
of those who trust in Christ
and seek to obey his will.
May your Spirit guide and strengthen us
in mission and service to your world;
for we are strangers no longer
but pilgrims together on the way to your kingdom. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the God of our pilgrimage,
who has led us to the living water
refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey
And the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen

Hymn **We are walking in the light of God**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yn16ABWn20c>

We are walking in the light of God)
We are walking in the light of God.) x2
We are walking, we are walking (Oh))
We are marching in the light of God) x2

We are living in the love of God....

We are moving in the power of God...



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