

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2020



Jesus appears at Emmaus

Jesus Mafa is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings. From *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48275> [retrieved March 15, 2021]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>).

Welcome and Worship Announcements

Prelude

“My Song is Love Unknown”

Charles Callahan

The congregation stands

Invocation

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

Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Kyrie

“Lord, Have Mercy”

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

“Glory to God”

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is seated

First Reading

Acts 3: 12-19

[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Psalm 4

Spoken by all

- ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- ²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.
- ⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- ⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- ⁸I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The congregation stands

Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

The congregation is seated

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

The congregation is seated

Offering

Offertory

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Kevin Hildebrand

The congregation stands

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Dialogue

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 God thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.
That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The congregation is seated

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Farewell and Godspeed

(11:00 only)

George and Karen, as you leave St. Mark's, we wish to bid you farewell.

A reading from John: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his church. When you came to this congregation we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servants George and Karen, who have enriched this congregation and shared their gifts with us. Now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Day by day, guide them and give them what is needed, friends to cheer their way, and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling them. By your Holy Spirit be present in their pilgrimage, that they may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The congregation stands

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Announcements and Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Robert Powell

Worship Leaders

8:30am Worship

Greeters - Evelyn Reinhold & Linda Kinsinger

Altar Guild - Amy Zellers

Lay Reader - Diane Hughes

11am Worship

Greeters - Dave Epley & Karin Doss

Altar Guild - Susan Van Tassel

Lay Reader - Susan Van Tassel

New Facilities Manager

We are excited to announce that Steve Henry has joined the St. Mark's Team! He officially starts this new role tomorrow, Monday April 19th.

Next time you are here at the church, please stop by and introduce yourself.

Healing Service

Join us for our monthly Healing Service with Holy Communion on Wednesday, April 21 at 12:00 pm. This will be held in the Sanctuary and all are welcomed.

Week of April 19-25

Monday, April 19th

Faith and Fellowship 10:00 am

Book Study 1:30 pm

Tuesday, April 20th

Quilters 10:00 am

Wednesday, April 21st

St. Anselm of Canterbury (1109)

Property Day 9:00 am

Kairos Group Meeting 10:00 am

Healing Service 12:00 pm

Friday, April 23rd

Toyohiko Kagawa (1960)

Library Team Meeting 10:00 am

Saturday, April 24th

Yarn Angels (Zoom) 10:00 am

Sunday, April 25th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship 8:30 am

Faith Formation 9:45 am

Worship 11:00 am

St. Mark's Yarn Angels - Calling those that may want to join!

Throughout the year, our members make hats, scarves (some in sets), prayer shawls and lap robes, baby hats, mittens, and pocket crosses. Even though we were unable to meet in person in 2020, over 100 hats & scarves and about 25 prayer shawls/ lap robes, along with countless baby hats, mittens, and pocket crosses, were prayerfully created, to then be distributed to ABCCM now known as Transformation Village.

We invite any of you who may be interested in this wonderful ministry to join us (currently by Zoom) on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Saturday of each month at 10AM—we would love to have you no matter how experienced you may or may not be. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Ulrichs at bulrichs8@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests

Please place in the offering plates, or return to the church office.

Your Name:

Requests:

- Please put on the Prayer Net
- Please pray for privately

Funeral Services

Funeral services for Eleanor Kittel will be held at St. Mark's on Tuesday, April 20th at 3pm. All are invited to attend. If you are not able, we will be streaming the service on St. Mark's Facebook page.

Sunday Worship

We are all so excited to be opening our doors to you all for the first time in over a year!

Please remember to RSVP for any Sunday Worship Services you plan to attend in person. We will need to do this until further notice in order to comply with CDC gathering recommendations.

Bulletins & Communion Cups

Please recycle your bulletin and throw away your communion cups upon leaving the Sanctuary. The bulletins are not being reused and we do not have Ushers to help clean.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Our Mission

Making disciples by loving Christ, growing in faith, serving all people

Our Vision

Transforming lives through God's grace as an inclusive, intergenerational congregation
in Worship, Outreach, Learning, and Fellowship.