

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023



Last Supper by
Margaret Ackland,
1993



Supper at Emmaus
by Ivo Dulcic, 1971

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9 (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter


What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have this Abba of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.

I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of this victory. Although you never saw Jesus, yet you love Jesus. And without seeing, you still trust—with laughter and singing. Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.

May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Amen.

Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11



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Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All my delight is in the Godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**

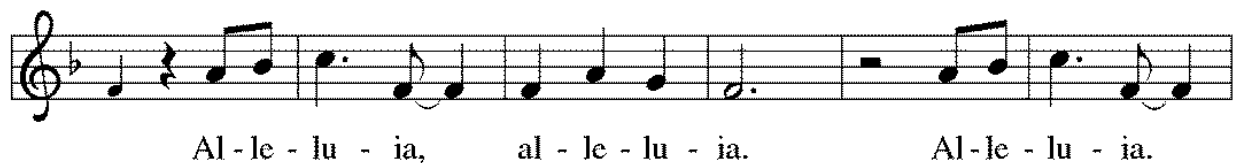
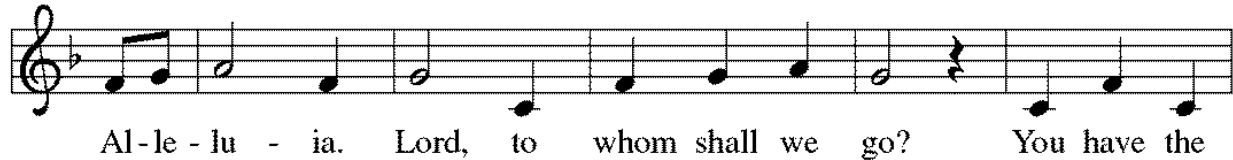
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures for- | evermore.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel **John 20:19-29** (The Message, inclusivized)
The Holy Gospel according to St. John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Later on that day [Jesus rose from the dead], the first day of the week, the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as my Abba sent me, I send you."

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."

But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

Eight days later, the disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

THE LAST SUPPER AND THE FIRST FEAST

Musical Reflection

Scott Steiner

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

+ For the people of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pickerington.

+ For Redeemer community member Kristi Hildebrand.

Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns: Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson, Julie Larson and husband Eli who is receiving cancer treatment in Houston, Phillip Hall and Kirstin Roberts, Nancy Magargal, John Caron, Kathleen Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica, Ruth Boys

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory **By Your Hand You Feed Your People**

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:

Refrain

Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours becoming one. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ. Come and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed, before the brutal horror of the cross on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ's Love and be transformed by Christ's Life.

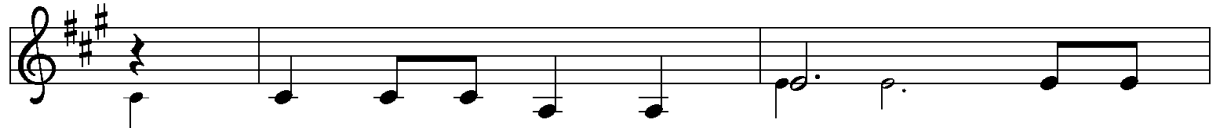
Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring; gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less you eat of the



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and . . .



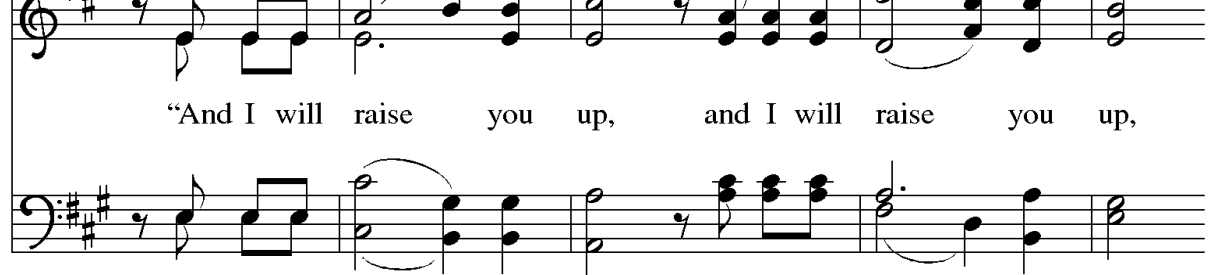
lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his



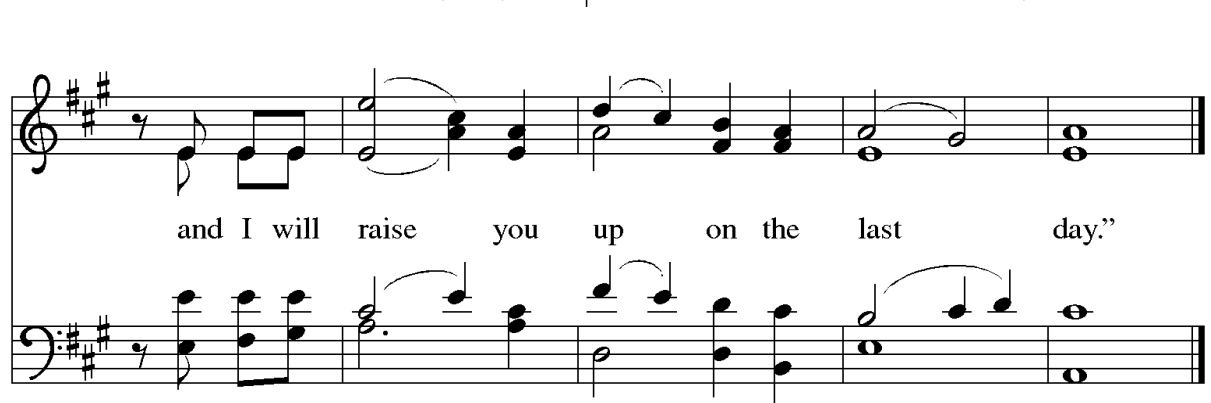
me ev - er, un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
blood, you shall live for - ev - er."
Refrain
Refrain
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."



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Hymn

Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes



1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;
2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;



Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;
and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.



peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. **Alleluia! Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Thine is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

‘The Strife is O’er’ arr. Robert J. Powell, 1965,
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Adult Ed Class

"Ask the Pastor"

Sunday, April 16

11:15-12:15 pm

Pastor Dave is hosting an "ask the pastor" session. We can start with a sermon talkback, discussing the themes of the "Doubting Thomas" gospel passage and the message Dave offered about it.

And/or, we can just go with any questions or themes you want to address.



Birthdays this week:

16 - Mike Benis

18 - Isaac Marquez

19 - April Smith

19 - Damon Stewart

22 - Grayson Ullman

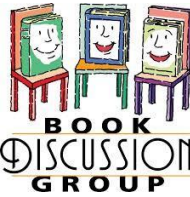


Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday April 19

10:00 AM-11:30 PM – Narthex

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life



Wednesday, April 19

7-8:30 pm

The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Copies are available in public libraries.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

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Meeting ID: 865 8150 4887 +++ Passcode 274918 +++ Phone Only: 312-626-6799

Adult Ed Class

A Chance to Right a Wrong: The Story of an Innocent Person on Death Row and the Work of Ohioans to Stop Executions

April 23 Adult Education Class, 11:15-12:15 pm

As this week's front-page article in Reflections detailed, we have a chance next Sunday to hear from Peter Kobak, coordinator of a campaign to free a man named Tony Apanovitch from death row. After being on death row for 32 years, Mr. Apanovitch's conviction for rape and murder was overturned, prompting his release. But a technicality has put him back on death row. You can learn more at www.justice4apanovitch.com.

Join this conversation, and invite any friends who might be interested as well.



LSS/MidOhio Food Collective Produce Giveaway

Thursday April 20

Extras this month: hair care products

Volunteers always welcome!

Please advise either the Church Office or Sue Watson

(sue.watson@columbus.rr.com or 614-560-4261).

We need an accurate count and appreciate your support!

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To the Glory of God

Sue Yehling

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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Cantor	Mary Benis
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal / Kiarra Santiago
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ashley Bird
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Diane Brobeck, Kay Ernsthause
Hospitality	Katie Jacobs
Producers	Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro

Noisy Offering will go to CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER APRIL 16-22

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	12:30 pm	Confirmation
Monday	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON Congregational. Council
Tuesday	11:00 am	IN-PERSON Member Care
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON Coffee & Conversation
Wednesday	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON Book Group
Thursday	3:00-5:30pm	LSS/MID-OHIO FOOD GIVEAWAY
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal

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