

**St. Paul's, Brunswick**  
**Non Traditional Eucharist**  
**April 23, 2023      Third Sunday in Easter**

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*We acknowledge that we stand on territory that was taken from the Abenaki people of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life.*

*May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native siblings as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.*




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**Opening Song: This is the Day (Sung 2x)**

*Art: pexels.com by Ave Calvar Martinez*

This is the Day, this is the Day  
 That the Lord has made, that the Lord has  
 made  
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
 And be glad in it, and be glad in it  
 This is the day that the Lord has made  
 We will rejoice and be glad in it  
 This is the day, this is the day  
 That the Lord has made!

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Response:** The Lord is risen indeed!  
 Alleluia!

**Celebrant:** God is here!

**Response:** God is here!

**Celebrant:** Let us bless God!



**Response:** Let us bless God!

**Celebrant:** Glory to you, God, for ever!

**Response:** Glory to you, God, for ever!

**Celebrant:** God be with you.

**Response:** And also with you

**Celebrant:** Let us pray together.

**Collect** (*Collect assigned or the day*) Art: pixabay.com

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



**First Reading, Acts 2:14a, 36-41** from *Common English Bible*

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**Reader (Lector):** A reading from the book of Acts.

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words!

“Therefore, let all Israel know beyond question that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

Peter replied, “Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites.” With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” Those who accepted Peter’s message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day.



**Reader (Lector):** The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Song: Be Thou My Vision verses 1, 3** *from the 1982 Hymnal #88*

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
 Thou mine Inheritance, now and always  
 Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
 High One of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

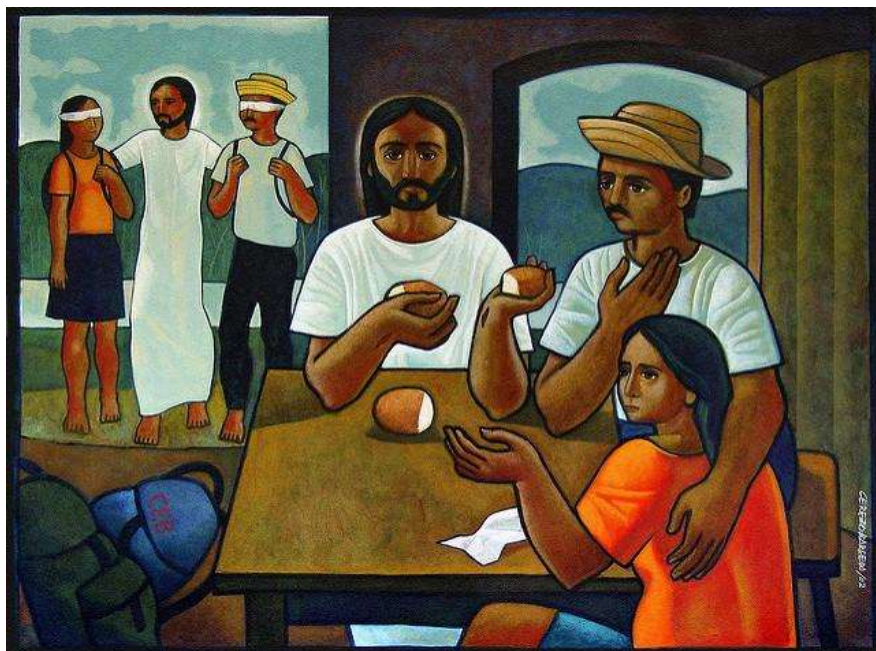
**Gospel Reading, Luke 24:13-35** *from the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook*

*Art: Maximino Cerezo Barredo (Spanish, 1932–), "Emmaus," 2002*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

A man named Cleopas and his friend were walking from Jerusalem to the town of Emmaus. As they walked, a stranger began to walk with them. "What are you talking about?" asked the stranger. Cleopas said, "We were talking about Jesus. He was killed three days ago. But this morning, the women went to Jesus' tomb and he wasn't there. Angels told them that Jesus is alive!" The stranger said, "The prophets used to talk about a savior who suffered and then entered glory." The stranger began explaining all the things that



were written by the prophets. When they got to Emmaus, the friends invited the stranger to eat with them. When dinner was ready, the stranger took the bread, broke it, and blessed it. When he did this, the friends recognized him. It was Jesus! As soon as they recognized Jesus, he disappeared. The friends got up quickly and returned to Jerusalem to find the other disciples. They told the disciples, "Jesus really has risen!"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Homily/ Sharing Time

**Prayers** Let us pray for the life of the world...

In honor of Earth Day... let us pray for the gift of creation...

We pray for Iris as she prepares for  
Baptism on April 30th.

For the things we are thankful for...

For our loved ones ...

For those who teach us...

For those who lead us...

For the sick and poor...

For ourselves...



**Special Blessings/ Prayers** *(do you have a birthday/ anniversary/ something special you'd like us to pray for?)*

## Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

**People: And also with you!**

## Announcements

- 4/30 Family Ministry Meeting following worship

**Offertory Music** (*the parade to bring up the elements while collection plate is passed*)

*Eucharistic Prayer written by The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund*

## Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

**Celebrant:** God, you are the Creator of the heavens and the earth. You have filled the world with the beauty of oceans and rivers; mountains, granite, apple trees and lupine; moose, deer, chickadees, cats, dogs and lobsters. Thank you for this earth "our island home." You sent Jesus your Son to be one of us. He died to redeem us and all Creation. Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life and make the world new. That's why we shout out our praise! We shout with the throngs of angels, archangels and with all the heavenly host. We shout our praise together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD,**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of**

## **the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We bring you bread and wine as our offering. Bless them with your Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus. On the night of his last supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it apart, shared it with his friends, and said, "Take, eat. This bread is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they finished supper, he took the cup of wine. Jesus gave thanks to God and said to his friends, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is poured out for you. It is poured out for all to save us from our sins. Drink this to remember me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Gather us up by this bread and wine and make us the Body of Christ in God's church. Make us new people in Christ's Spirit. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**AMEN!**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our God 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 for ever. Amen.**

## **Fraction** (*break bread*)

Be known to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

**We share one bread together.**

**Invitation** Holy Food for Holy People.

**Administration of Sacrament** The body of Christ, the bread of life!

*Welcome to our digital congregation. We invite you to connect with Christ's communion by saying the following prayer.*

***A Prayer for Spiritual Communion***

*O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**Thanksgiving (Post Communion Prayer)** – Loving God, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

**Blessing** *from Enriching our Worship 1*

The Wisdom of God the Love of God

and the Grace of God strengthen you

to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,

in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*



## **Song: We are Marching in the Light of God**

We Are Marching In The Light Of God	We Are Living In The Love Of God	We Are Moving In The Power Of God
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We Are Marching Oooooo	We Are Living Oooooo	We Are Moving In The Power Of God
We Are Marching In The Light Of God	We Are Living In The Love Of God	We Are Moving Moving
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## **Dismissal**

**Leader:** Let us go forth in peace in the love of Jesus! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!