

Prayer of Consecration (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

**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.**

The Invitation

The Communion: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LUYH 175
"I Stand Amazed" LUYH 174

The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

**Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Compassion Fund which provides monetary support to our members who have financial needs.

*Benediction

Sisters and brothers, let us claim the freedom Christ gives us by his self-giving on the cross. May he enable us to serve together in faith, hope, and love.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of love, who shared his love, strengthen us in our love for others.

May the Son who shared his life grant us grace, that we might share our life.

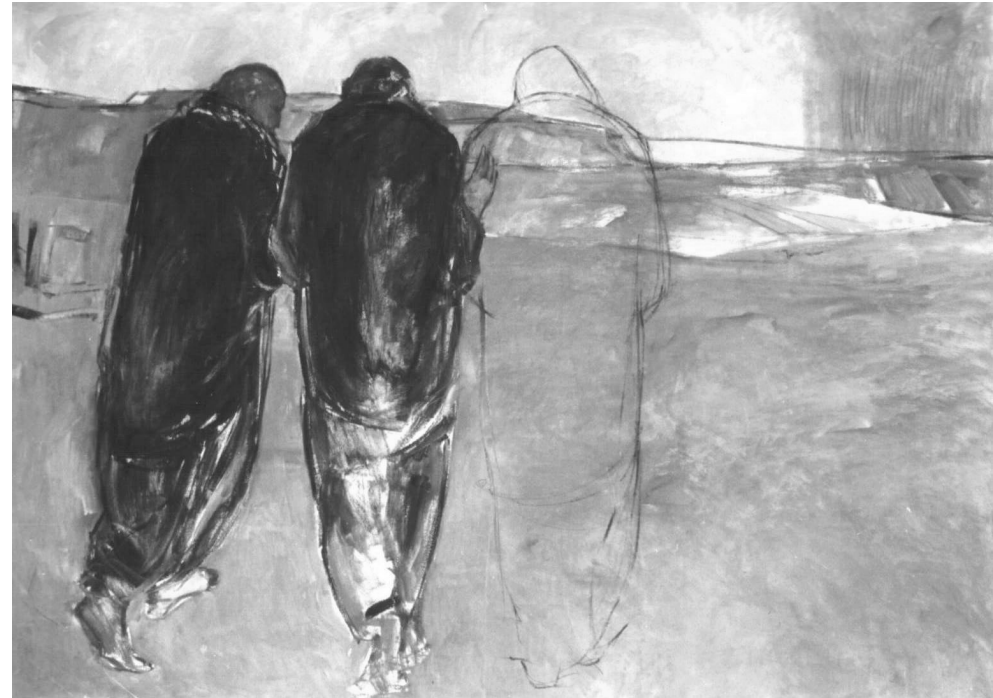
And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us empower us to be only and always for others.

Amen.

*Closing Song: "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" LUYH 957

Worship Participants

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Luke 24:15, 27, 30-31a

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them. ♦ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ♦ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

As we follow the Emmaus Way in worship during this season of Lent, we pray that the presence of Christ will be made known to us.

Jesus Walks Alongside Us

Welcome

*Gathering Song: "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler" LUYH 123:1,4

*Call to Worship

Let us worship God,

for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

God's Word will not return empty

but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and the hills will sing;

the trees of the field will clap their hands.

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "As the Deer Pants for the Water" LUYH 332:1,3

Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-7 p.1148

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way,
yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness;

we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;

we have compromised with evil;

we have doubted your power to protect us.

Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.

Restore in us such trust and love

that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

Kyrie: "O Christ, the Lamb of God" LUYH 630

Words of Assurance: I Timothy 1:15, I Peter 2:24 p.1846, 1889

*Song of Thanksgiving: Christ, the Life of All the Living" LUYH 137:1,2

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

Jesus Opens the Scriptures

Children's Blessing: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" LUYH 140:1

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Isaiah 55 p.1148

Sermon: "Trees that Clap and Sing" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "All Who Are Thirsty" LUYH 807

*We Profess Our Faith: "The Apostles' Creed" LUYH 783A

Jesus Breaks Bread with Us

We invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We believe that this is a family meal. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact Pastor Joel or your elder. This morning the elements will be passed through the rows. Please hold them until all have been served and we will eat together. If you are in need of gluten-free bread, please indicate that to the servers.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

God our Maker and Redeemer, you generously create and even more generously recreate us. For giving us your Word and Spirit to make us more and more like Jesus Christ, we thank you, now and forever; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" LUYH 538:1

The Institution (I Corinthians 11)

The Consecration

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Dying, he destroyed our death; rising, he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.