

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But 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. 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; and he vanished from their sight. They 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?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Selection

Day of Arising

Traditional Gaelic Melody
BUNESSAN

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting our invitation: stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
When the Church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien (Luke 24:13-31; Matt. 28:20)

Sermon

Hearts on Fire

Steven Baines

Hymn of Commitment

Open Our Eyes

Bob Cull

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Invitation to Holy Communion and Words of Institution

Beverly J. Goines

If you have bread and juice to use at your home, we invite all to participate in Holy Communion
after the minister offers Words of Institution and Prayer for the Elements.

Hymn of Going Forth

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

HOLY MANNA

Sing of one who walks beside us and this day is living still,
one who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill,
Christ who once upon a hilltop, raised against the power of sin,
died in love as his own creatures crucified their God and Friend!

We have walked with him as strangers through the journey of the day,
and have told him of the violence that has swept our hope away.

He has offered words of comfort, words of energy and light.
Did our hearts not blaze within us as he broke the bread this night?

Risen one, stay with us, raise us, once again the night is near.
Dine with us and share your wisdom, free our hearts from ev'ry fear.
In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn,
If you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.

Benediction

Steven Baines

Postlude

Festive Postlude No. 1 for Organ
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

James Michael Stevens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scripture Thought: As we move through the season of Easter, it is tempting for the passion narrative to slip into the fog of another holiday celebrated. The gift of Eastertide, however, is that the stories of Jesus' post resurrection appearances give us pause to reflect on what the early believers witnessed and experienced, even as we experience the burning of our hearts' desires with the risen Christ. Do we still have the passion of The Passion?

Daily Prayer: Holy God, we pray that as we continue living in isolation and social distancing from each other, you will hold your children close to your life-giving presence. May your love for all creation burn within our hearts. May Christ-like love for the least and hurting in today's climate move us with empathy and compassion to shelter and provide for all our neighbors. And may the peace of Christ be with us to comfort and ease every fear and anxiety through the power of the Holy Spirit poured out on your church. Amen.

Prayers for Our Church Family

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd; Lucas Lund; Alta Mainer; Drusilla McCain; Beverly Schacht; Steve Selde; Wes Strotman; Kathleen Swihart; Gloria Taylor; Esther Tyson; Peggy Washington; John Foster Woods; and all medical personnel around the world.

Capital Area Prayer Calendar

First Christian Church
Falls Church, Virginia

Global Ministries Prayer Calendar

Kahala Cannon in Eswatini

Message from Your Pastors

During these unprecedented times as the world responds to the coronavirus pandemic, we urge our members to stay connected with one another. Please continue to use all forms of communication and outreach including our many social media platforms to keep each other informed about members' needs, health, and other concerns for prayer and pastoral care.

One way to stay connected with your National City family is to join our Saturday morning prayer call at 8 a.m. (712-775-7031; code 371015).

And now is the time to remember the vital ministries of our church by giving of our tithes and offerings on tithe.ly. Checks are being received in the mail and deposited weekly: National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. Stay healthy, pray without ceasing, and remember, God is faithful.

Rev. Steven Baines, Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines

Stay Informed: We encourage everyone to monitor their local and state governments for the latest news and coronavirus updates.

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>

<https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>
