

Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, April 26, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC
The Third Sunday of Easter



Road to Emmaus | Daniel Bonnell

This Worship Guide is for you: for the worship of God today, for words and practices and images to sustain you through the week, for engagement with your families and communities, for hope in even the deepest places of despair.

On this third Sunday of Eastertide, we remember that Christ joins us on the roads we travel. Eyes opening, hearts burning, forever transformed to share this good news.

Blessings on your worship, beloved community!

Invitation to Worship

Welcome to worship with First on Fifth on this second Sunday of Eastertide!

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Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

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Hymn: *Day of Arising*

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.

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Passing the Peace

Turn to those around you -- other people in your house, your pets, your neighbors outside,
your friends online -- and share these words:

May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

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New Testament Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Prayer of Confession

Refining and transforming God,
we, too, find ourselves in the midst of a corrupt generation:
Power disguises itself as truth.
Convenience disguises itself as goodness.
And selfish pleasure disguises itself as love.
We confess to you, O God,
that we have been caught up in the sins of our generation.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
save us from these deceptions and from all self-deception,
and free us to love one another deeply from the heart. Amen.



Kitchen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus | Diego Rodriguez de Silva y Velazquez

The artist painted Christ appearing to his disciples at Emmaus in the left background. In the foreground, he focuses on a Moorish hidden servant girl working in the kitchen. There, she is listening, taking in the mysterious guest: the resurrected Christ.

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 1:22-23

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Hear this good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

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Seeds of New Life

Throughout Eastertide, we celebrate stories of our members who are finding seeds of new life being planted (and even bearing fruit) around us. A powerful reminder of resurrection hope!

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Prayers for the People & 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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Homily

Testimony: Responding Together
Proclaimer: Rev. Amy McClure

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Giving Thanks for Generosity

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Artwork to the right

Be Thou My Vision

Michael Moyers

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Hymn: *Open My Eyes*

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart, and let me prepare
love with Thy children, thus to share.

Silently now I wait for Thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my mouth, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below!
Praise God above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen.

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Benediction



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