



Supper at Emmaus, Jacopo da Pontormo c. 1525

On this mountain, the Lord of heavenly forces will
prepare for all peoples a rich feast,
a feast of choice wines,
of select foods rich in flavor,
of choice wines well refined.

He will swallow up on this mountain
the veil that is veiling all peoples,
the shroud enshrouding all nations.
He will swallow up death forever.

The Lord God will wipe tears from every face;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from off the whole earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

They will say on that day,
"Look! This is our God,
for whom we have waited—
and he has saved us!

This is the Lord, for whom we have waited;
let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

- The Book of Isaiah (25:6-9), Common English Bible -

A liturgy for the first week of Easter in 2019, provided by

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gather from the journey

**Come, dear friends, let's feast together:
Stories share and fears release.
Christ is opening wide the circle.
May this house shine bright with peace.**

*Light the lamp of Eternal Light and pour the baptismal waters,
sensory reminders of the mystery of the divine that gathers with us.*

Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed!**

(from the Book of Jeremiah) Stop at the crossroads and look around; ask for the ancient paths. **Where is the good way?** Then walk in it and find a resting place for yourselves. Set up markers, put up signs; think about the road you have traveled, the path you have taken.

*Share something of life and hope that we have
experienced, witnessed, or created in our pilgrimage.*

(after each sharing) Life and hope are all around us. **O God, open our eyes.**

(from Vanderbilt Divinity School) **O God, the risen Christ revealed himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Feed us with the bread of life and break open our hearts, that we may know him not only in the good news of the scriptures, but risen in the midst of your pilgrim people. Amen.**

share the stories of faith and hope

*Read the one or more of the Bible texts for this week in Easter,
from Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 114, 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8, and Luke 24:13-49.*

Share community reflections on hope in the face of struggle and life in the face of death, and invite the children to draw and color pictures of hope and new life. Hang the pictures in the worship space for this season as a reminder of the hope for new life we find in the Easter story.



share the sacrament of love

Offer prayers for each other and the world.

(after each prayer) God is with us. **God is life.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Offer thanks for the work of God in the world,
and then sing:*

**Holy, holy, holy, all the saints sing, "Holy!"
Lives that echo throughout time now join us in this place.
Holy, holy, holy, is the God of mercy.
God is the love that binds community.**

*Remember the life of Jesus, whose example we follow,
and then affirm the mystery of we call faith:*

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

*Invoke the spirit of Christ to transform the gifts of bread and cup into
the mystery of love and solidarity for the assembly that shares them.*

*Shares the fruit of the earth,
a sign of God's love for us and for all people.*

singing and dancing and laughing

"The Lord's Prayer" (using Father or Mother)

A selection of favorite Easter or new-life hymns

"May the Road Rise to Meet You"

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The pilgrims depart with Alleluia on their lips and in their hearts.