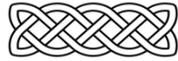


Emmaus Service

Luke's Gospel Chapter 24 tells the story of Jesus walking alongside two disciples, sharing his presence and his story with them.

We rejoice to be in this special place to worship God. We have travelled through times of suffering. We have known loss and grief, but we come now to give thanks for God's love and provision.



Jesus our companion in life, you have given us ways to remember and celebrate you in story and symbol. May this be a holy time as you share your presence with us. May we be more fully aware of you walking with us and be open to the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Amen

Let us confess our sins to God, trusting in his mercy and forgiveness.

Holy and forgiving God, forgive us when we have not followed the way of your Son Jesus Christ.

We are truly sorry for those times when we have despaired and turned away from your life-giving story.

Take away all guilt, so that strengthened by your love we may serve you more faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence A decorative Celtic knot symbol, identical to the one above, placed at the end of the 'Silence' instruction.

Reading

Reflection

Prayers

Prayers for those in need...

We thank you Jesus for walking alongside us. Show us how to serve those whom we journey with in these times. Help us to live in your light and give us a longing to do your will. Enfold us all in your love and mercy, wipe away the tears of failure, fear and distress, and set us free to serve you.

The Lord's Prayer

We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us:

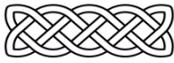
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We tell the story of Jesus who was born on earth to bring the blessings of heaven into our lives, now and for all eternity.

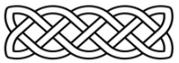
Jesus you were present at the time of creation. Jesus you bring God's healing ministry wherever you are present. Dying and rising you share the gift of new life with all of us who seek to follow your way. You have called faithful followers such as Susanna, John and Charles Wesley to realign us to your values and truths. Help us to recognise those you have called in this time to bring the presence of Jesus into dark times and places. May we listen and learn and take our part in your story.

Silence 

We praise you Lord God that your Son Jesus Christ walks alongside us. You have given food for us in the wilderness. Stay with us and share yourself with us now, as you did with those two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Pour your Holy Spirit into our lives that we may experience your healing and peace. May our eyes be opened and our hearts burn within us as we recognise your presence.

We pray for our city of Bristol and for those working to make it a safe and welcoming place for all. As we acknowledge injustice in the history of our city, we pray for new opportunities for wholeness and peace.

In the calming, healing presence of Jesus walking alongside us, we offer our lives to follow him more closely. May we be like dew to the thirsty and like blossom to those who need God's beauty.

Silence 



Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord our God. His presence is as sure as the dawn. He will come to us like the sunshine which warms the land, like the showers that water the earth and give us peace.

The blessing of God the Creator, Jesus the one who walks with us and the Holy Spirit who guides us, rest and remain with us now and forever.
Amen.

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