



"Road to Emmaus," Daniel Bonnell

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Third Sunday in Easter
April 14, 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
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THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

April 14, 2024

PRELUDE

Union Seminary

James Biery

INTROIT

Peace Be With You

Andrew Fletcher

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,
he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,
choosing faith and choosing hope.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

*THE PEACE The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

*OPENING HYMN #529 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Claunch

We thank you, O God, for your patience, as we often fail to recognize you.

We thank you, O Christ, for your persistence, as we are often foolish and slow to believe.

We thank you, O Spirit, for your grace, as we are often in need of your help to see, to understand, and to believe.

Forgive us, we pray, and help our unbelief. Open our eyes, open our minds, and open our hearts, so that we might follow and live as your true disciples...

(time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA (#582, verse 1)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Thea Beaver

O God, as we open your Word this morning, we ask you to open our eyes so that we might recognize you, open our ears so that we might hear you, open our minds so that we might understand you, and open our hearts so that we might love you and serve you, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord, Ame

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 4:1-8

ANTHEM

I Will Lay Me Down in Peace

William Gill

*I will lay me down in peace and take my rest;
for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 24:25-48

SERMON

“Open Eyes / Open Minds”

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #366, verse 1

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Bynum

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN

(congregation singing)

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Rummage Sale

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

In the Breaking of the Bread

Bob Hurd

*In the breaking of the bread we have known him; we have been fed.
Jesus the stranger, Jesus the Lord, be our companion; be our hope.*

*Once I was helpless, sad and confused; Darkness surrounded me, courage removed.
And then I saw him by my side, Carry my burden, open my eyes.*

*There is no sorrow, pain, or woe; There is no suffering he did not know.
He did not waver; he did not bend. He is the victor, he is my friend.*

*DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

*POSTLUDE

La Mourisque

Tylman Susato

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time.
Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors!*

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Nursery Care** is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers up to age 2.
- **Tiny Theologians Today:** Following the Children's Message, kids ages 3 through 5th grade are dismissed.

Use the QR Code to view the *Spring Sunday School schedule*.



- **Youth Group for middle and high schoolers meets on Wednesday evenings in the Youth Room.** Use the QR Code to view the Spring 2024 Youth Calendar. Questions? Email agclaunch@lacny.org.



THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Tiny Theologians
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
2:00 pm Wedding of
Douglas Kostner & Valerie Girardi

MONDAY APRIL 15

7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
5:00 pm Youth Group (Youth Room)
7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)
7:45 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus
7:00 pm Worship Committee (Lindsley)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

11:00 am Woman's Club of Larchmont (Carhart)

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

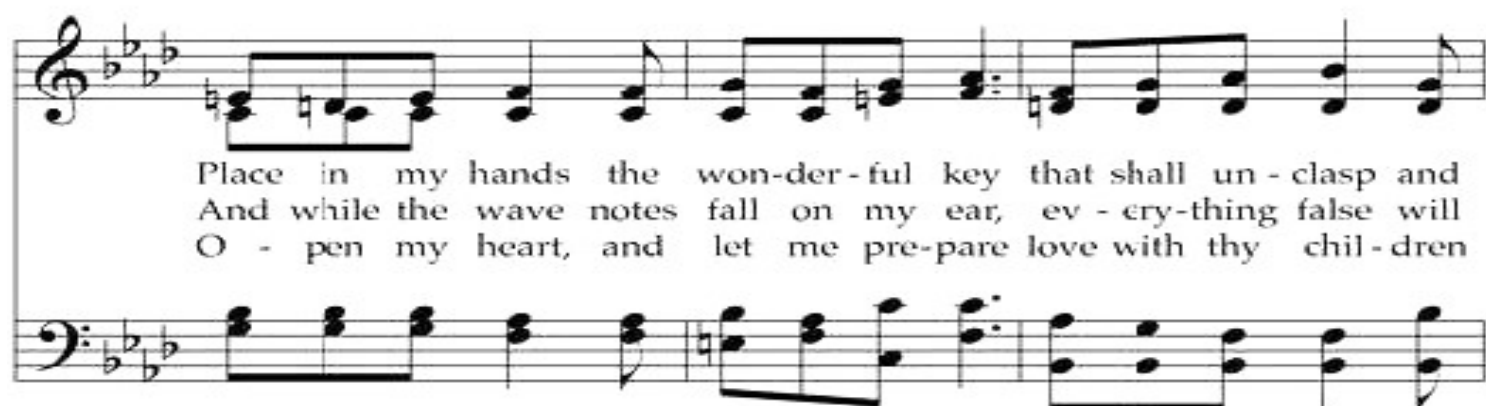
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.