



Sunday 30th April 2017

Crows Nest Uniting Church

Shirley Road, Wollstonecraft



The road to Emmaus

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Easter 3 in the year of Matthew
10.00 am

Welcome to this time of worship and community.
We invite you to join in the responses printed in ***bold and italic type***.

Gathering God's People

Prelude Music to prepare for worship

Call to Worship (From Psalm 116)

How will I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?

***I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.***

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of his people.

Hymn 156: *Morning has broken*

Prayers of Confession

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus said "How foolish you are,
and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have
declared!"

We bring our prayers of confession.

Lord, our foolishness is nothing trivial. It brings failure and
tragedy and sorrow. But pride and fear have trapped us,
and we refuse to learn.

Lord, have mercy.

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Lord, we are slow of heart. We long to trust your promises
and see your fulfilment, but we hedge and hesitate, and
your kingdom is delayed.

Christ have mercy

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Lord, your prophets have declared your love and grace, but
we prefer to believe the voices of hatred and division.

Lord, have mercy.

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Let us pray:

**Most loving God,
we confess to you and to each other
that we have been blind to your presence
and deaf to your word.
Lord God, forgive us.
Reveal yourself among us,
and set our hearts on fire
with love and understanding
for Jesus' sake. Amen**

Declaration of Forgiveness

When Peter spoke to the Pentecost crowd in Jerusalem, he said: "Repent, and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ, that your sins may be forgiven. This promise is for you, and your children, and for all who are far away - everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

So hear Christ's word of grace:

Our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

The Peace

God's Peace be always with you.

And also with you.

(You may like to exchange a sign of peace with those around you.)

An introduction to the theme of the day

Hymn 650: Brother, sister, let me serve you

Children will leave for 'Kids Alive' during the last verse of the hymn

The Service of the Word

The First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

The Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

After the final reading the reader will say

Please respond by saying

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Music for Reflection

Preaching of the Word

Responding to God's Word

Hymn 468: *We are your people*

Announcements

Offering

Sharing concerns for prayer

Music to lead us to prayer

Intercessory Prayers

After the words ... in your mercy,
please respond by saying ***Hear our prayer.***

The Lord's Prayer (printed in the front of the hymn book)

Hymn 608: *Where cross the crowded ways of life*

Benediction & Three-fold Amen

Postlude

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A printed copy of the sermon is available in the Church Porch
and will be published on the website: <http://crowsnestuniting.org.au>