

THE ROAD WE WALK

A Service for the Third Sunday in Easter





Come, walk with him.
Come, talk with him.
Come, feast with him.
Come, worship Jesus, our risen Lord.

God, we gather as your people.
We come to walk a journey together,
to talk and to share along the way,
to meet and to know Jesus.
Help us to marvel at all that Jesus has done for us.
Amen.

SINGING THE FAITH 02

https://youtu.be/PdE_NKyY_o0

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Chosen by Hazel

"It is the hymn used at many family occasions and I often sing it to myself"



Father, we thank you that you come out and meet us
where we are.

We worship and adore you.

We thank you that you walk the road with us, that you treat us
as an equal even when we fail to recognise you.

We worship and adore you.

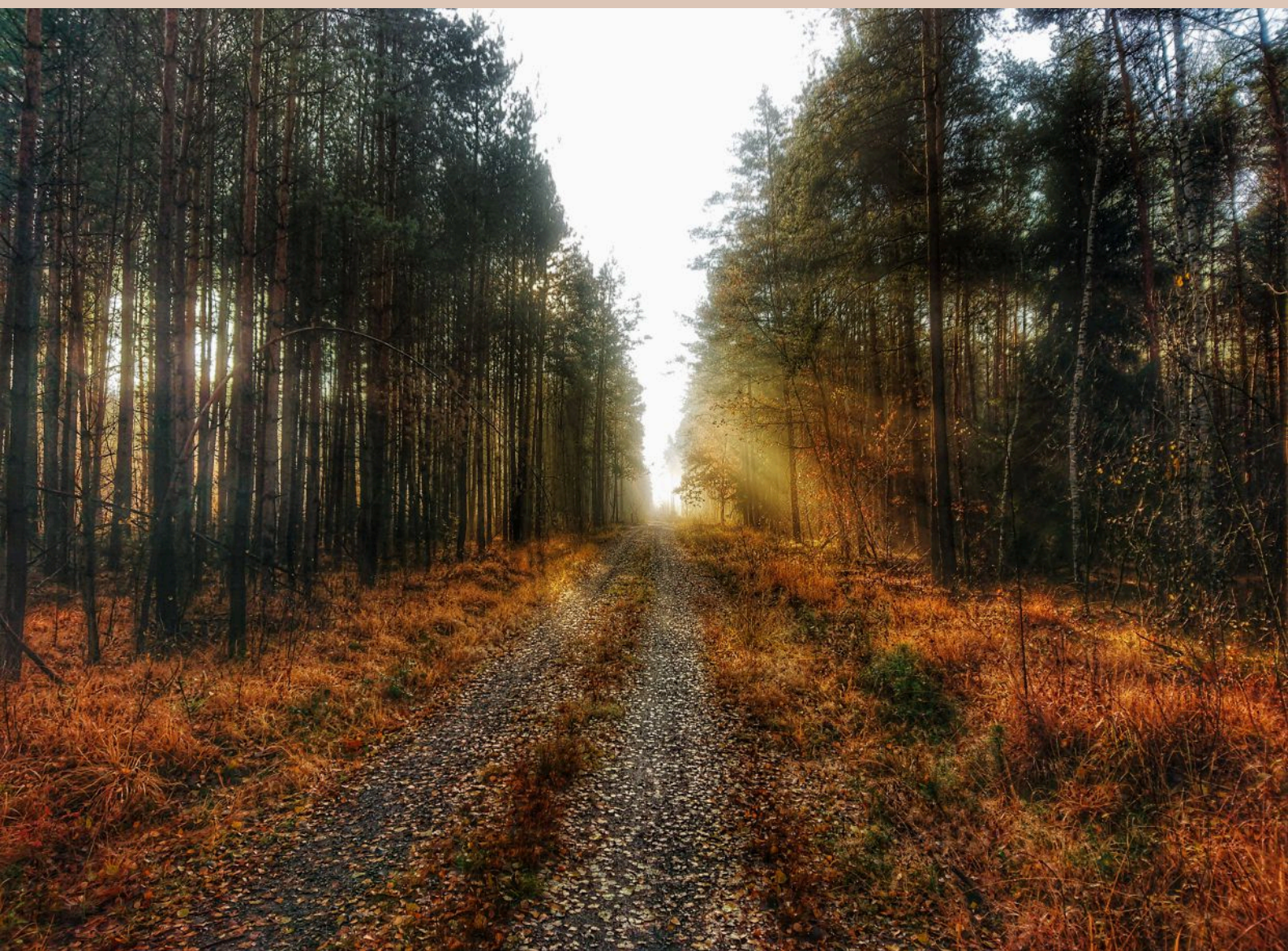
You always love us, always care for us, always want to eat
and drink with us – such is your love.

We worship and adore you.

Thank you, Lord, that you are not a stranger, but our friend.

We worship and adore you.

Amen.



LUKE 24:13-35

Dramatised by the McDonald Family

<https://www.hounslowmethodist.org.uk/sermons/the-road-we-walk/>

NRSV VERSION:

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[a] from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.[b] Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



BIBLE STUDY ONE

With Rajie Muthukumar

Video and Text Versions:

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MUSIC TO CONTEMPLATE

I want Jesus to walk with me
Eric Bibbe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zs56IMLleGU&t=84s>

BIBLE STUDY TWO

With Rev. Barbara McIntivey

Video and Text Versions:

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REFLECTION

With Katrina Roland

Audio and Text Versions:

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PRAYERS

Prepared by Jo

Lord Jesus,

This week and every week, help us to remember the lessons we have learnt from the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Teach us to recognise You in our daily lives, to feel our hearts burn within us when You speak to us, to share our blessings with those in need around us and to bring everything to You in prayer.

Today we pray for Your guidance in our lives as we continue living in lockdown. Keep us all safe, lift our spirits and show us where we are needed to help.

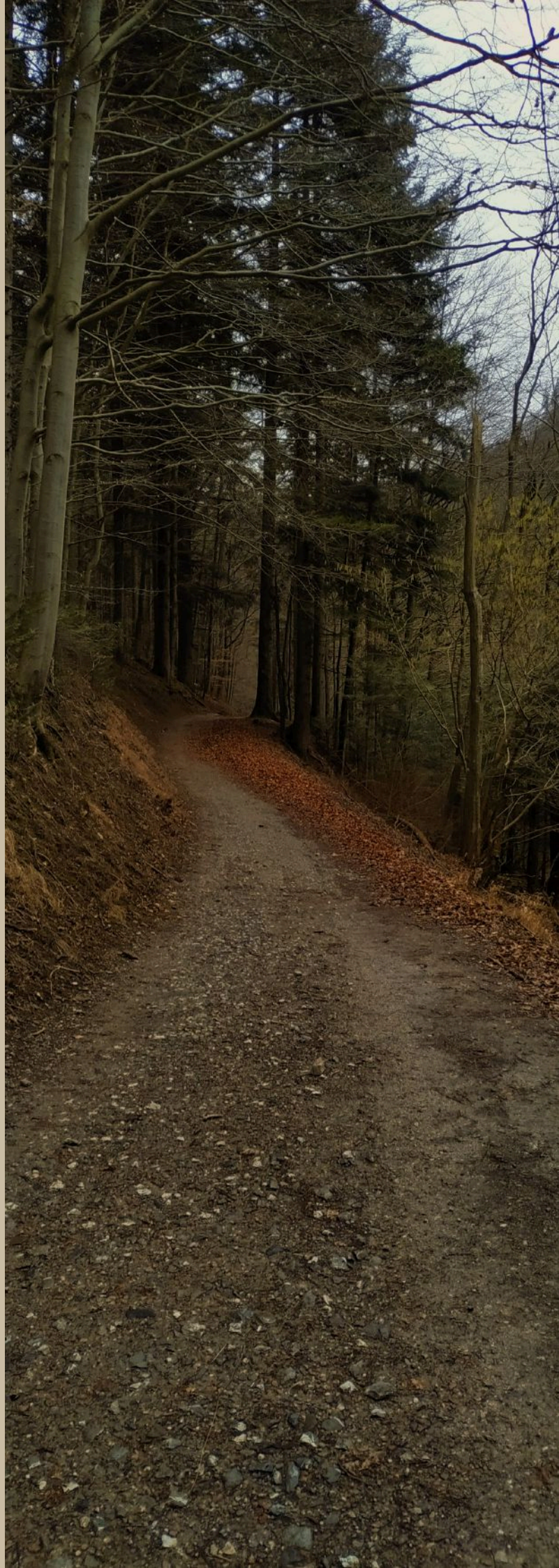
We pray for those in our church whose fellowship we miss at this time. Help us to feel connected today and throughout the week. Help us to love one another as You love us. We pray especially for those that are ill and self-isolating at the moment, for the staff and residents of David's House Methodist Homes (MHA) and for those celebrating birthdays at this time. We pray for the bereaved and those who are grieving their loved ones.

We pray for our community and our country. Lord, bless everyone at this difficult time: bless those who have caught the virus, bless those worried about their health for other reasons, bless the keyworkers, bless those working from home, bless those who are furloughed or unemployed, bless the self-employed and small businesses struggling to stay afloat, bless those suffering from domestic abuse, bless those who live alone, bless those without a minute's peace, bless those who are afraid, bless those who are fed up - whoever they are, wherever they are, let them know Your presence and show us where we can offer comfort and support.

We pray for our government, and all governments and organisations around the world trying to manage this crisis. Lord, breathe Your compassion and wisdom into them to guide their thoughts, words and actions.

We pray for other situations around the world, too, Lord. We pray for the villagers in Mozambique recently killed and harmed by a brutal attack there. We pray for those affected by the shootings in Lebanon and Canada. We pray for countries affected by famine or drought. Send Your Spirit to those affected.

Lord, bring Your peace and comfort to our world.
In Your Name we pray,
Amen





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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

SINGING THE FAITH 440

<https://youtu.be/Tvt6E9N7AQw>

Chosen by Joyce

"I think about God and what he does for me, and where he brought me from, my heart is overjoyed.

It's not because I am perfect it's because I am imperfect that's why he looked beyond all my faults and gave me what i needed.

And that is why I look to the cross in times of storms to see his grace and love towards me."

Amazing grace — how sweet the sound —
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

God's grace has taught my heart to fear,
his grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

And, when this heart and flesh shall fail
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

John Newton (1725–1807) (alt.)

Lord Jesus,
as you walked on the road to Emmaus,
walk with us on the roads we travel.
Help us to know your presence with us,
and to be your presence to others.
And, at the end of the day,
may we all enjoy your feast.
Amen.



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