

**St Nicholas Church,
Sighthill
Third Sunday
Service after
Easter
1 May 2022**



On the road to Emmaus

SONG: Halleluyah, Praise He the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pbNBKK2jA0>

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them”.

Matthew 18:20 KJV

**HYMN: CH 9 PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY,
THE KING OF CREATION**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNq0WtMSmIY>

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God we come to worship you. We wonder at your love which gives us a very special part in Creation. We are in awe that you are always there and have kept approaching your people to make your love known: that you seek to bring light into our darkness.

We are amazed that, in spite of current crises, we can look out and see your Creation unfolding as usual in its wonderful way - with the new life of plants, animals and birds - a sure sign of your faithfulness and your presence with us.

Lord God, we have been affected by the failure of our strength, the weakness of our resolve and the crumbling of our vision. We have allowed our spirits to be overcome - and we have faltered and stumbled instead of going ahead faithfully and strongly in your service.

Loving Father, Strengthen our spirits and our vision by giving us renewed belief in your Presence with us in everything we do and everywhere we go. Walk with us, O God, as we go forward, and guide us that we may seek the Light of the world which came into it in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. We ask our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS (LUKE 24:13 – 35) VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoGYfmGaxhM>

EMMAUS QUIZ (LIVE/SECOND SERVICE)

MESSAGE: 'ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS – A WALK TO REMEMBER'

OFFERING/ HYMN: THE SAVIOUR DIED, BUT ROSE AGAIN

*(Using the tune of **While shepherds watched their flocks by night**)*

The Saviour died, but rose again
Triumphant from the grave;
And pleads our cause at God's right hand,
Omnipotent to save.

Who, then, can e'er divide us more
From Jesus and His love;
Or break the sacred chain that binds
The earth to Heav'n above?

Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,
And days of darkness fall;

Through Him all dangers we'll defy,
And more than conquer all.

Nor death, nor life, nor earth nor hell,
Nor time's destroying sway,
Can e'er efface us from His heart,
Or make His love decay.

Each future period that will bless,
as it has bless'd the past;
He loved us from the first of time,
he loves us to the last.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

'Our eyes are kept from recognizing you'

Open our eyes, Lord. Without the gift of your revelation, our eyes are kept from recognizing you. Appear before us, suddenly, unexpectedly, in all your glory. So that we, too, may proclaim to a world in despair, that we have seen the risen Lord.

Stay with us, too, Lord Jesus in every part of our journey, no matter how full of doubt or fear we may be today. Through your Holy Spirit, we pray that you will open our eyes, too. Help us see you as our risen Lord in all your beauty, and in all your loving power.

Lord Jesus, those on the Emmaus Road had suffered frightening times; be with those we know who grieve, hurt and suffering today; those who are ill, those who are fearful because others are ill, those who have lost their job, those who work for the good of others despite the cost to themselves. We are grateful for answered prayers and for all who remember us in prayer.

SOMEBODY PRAYED FOR ME VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/znBNNi1hoZ0>

CLOSING HYMN: CH 681 - IN HEAVENLY LOVE ABIDING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sd7GDDSsvk>

BENEDICTION

*We go out as witnesses of God's eternal presence.
The risen Christ has made himself known to us
We set our faith and hope on God,
fulfilling our vows and living in genuine mutual love.*

*And may God hear and respond whenever we call;
may Christ Jesus make Himself known to us in all things;
and may the Holy Spirit open our eyes and set our hearts
on fire with love.*

And may the grace.... Amen