

Words for Agape Meal:

(Link Bible Story: The Road to Emmaus)

(We say together the words in **Bold** type.)

As brothers and sisters, we come from different traditions to follow the journey of Cleopas and Mary on the road home to Emmaus. We come as different people to serve One God, who calls us to unity in His family.



CALL TO THE FEAST

Leader: Out of darkness came light

All: And the power of God was revealed.

Leader: Out of the dust came life;

All: And the image of God was revealed.

Leader: In the human face and the gentle heart,

All: in the warmth of flesh and the depth of soul.

Leader: Out of justice came freedom;

All: And the wisdom of God was revealed.

Leader: In the need to grow and the will to love,

All: in the chance to know and the power to choose.

Leader: And God looked at His Creation,

All: and Behold, it was very good.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

(we light our Easter Candle)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed Alleluia!

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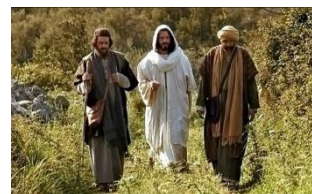
All: He is risen indeed Alleluia!

**All: Heavenly Father, in the joy of Easter,
accept the prayers and praises of all your Church,
and grant that these Easter candles may make our darkness light;
for Christ the Morning Star has risen never again to set,
and is alive and reigns for ever and ever. Amen**



SCRIPTURE: Luke ch 24:13-35

- “Their hearts burned within them while Jesus talked with them on the road and opened the Scriptures to them.” (vs. 32)
- “Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised Him [at the breaking of the Bread].” (vs. 31)



AGAPE PRAYER

Leader: We are all invited to a common table to share in an Agape Feast. At this table we come as brothers and sisters in the Family of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The feast can be:

- *Bread - to remind us of the Gifts of the Earth God gives us each day*
- *Grapes or Fruit – for the fruit of the earth, that tastes so good*
- *Water (or Drink) – to remind us of the Living Water of the Spirit that God pours out for us and for the world.*



Leader: As we share this bread, as we pour out this water, we thank you, God, for our daily bread for the food which delights and nourishes us and for the companionship that sustains us.



We thank you, too, for water (or “drink”) to quench our thirst and for the Living Water with which you surprise and enrich and transform our lives.



We give thanks for this feast at which all are welcome and can share, a foretaste of Heavenly Kingdom.

Amen.

The bread, the grapes (or fruit), and the water (or drink) are passed to one another.

At the end...

**All: Living God,
bless all who have gathered round this table.
May we know the fullness of your presence
at every meal and in all our sharing. Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(we share the Lord’s Prayer together)*

BLESSING

**All: May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave His only Son,
bring each of us by faith to His eternal life. Amen.**

**May Almighty God bless us, and keep us,
May His face shine upon us, and be gracious to us,
May He look kindly upon us, and give us His peace. Amen.**

