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Liturgical Date: Year A, Easter 3, 23rd April 2023

Presenter **Rev Prof Bill Loader**

Focus Reading Luke 24:13-35

Message 8 minutes 18 seconds **“On the Road to Emmaus”**

Discussion Starters

- 1** What caught your interest in this presentation?
- 2** Share any experience you have had of realizing that Jesus was incognito with you.
- 3** The way we do Communion can make a channel of grace or just a ceremony. How is it for your congregation?
- 4** How important is a label “Church” or “Christian” when your church does things in the community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 A song of thanks, this psalm moves from an expression of distress to an expression of faith and a claim to keep the promises made to the Lord.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Following the conclusion of Pentecost sermon Peter preached, there is a significant shift. They repent, turn to God, and are baptised. Reception of the gift of the Holy Spirit is the key to receiving the promise.

1 Peter 1: 17-23 Those who have a living hope in Christ are summoned to holy living, reminded that they have been liberated with the precious blood of Christ. The exhortation is to love deeply and constantly from the heart.

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All Age Message: Rev Prof Bill Loader

“Magpie and Easter”

Length 6 minutes 0 seconds

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Bill talks about Easter with his friend Magpie, who is very confused about eggs and what children are doing with them and why all this is happening. It all comes down to life beginning again.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 - pages 3335-334

Rev Prof Bill Loader

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