Easter Evening
Year A

Isaiah 25:6-9 • Psalm 114 • 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces ...
When the comforter is come... -- Coventry Cathedral, Coventry, England
The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. Why is it, O sea, that you flee?

Psalm 114:4, 5a
Movement – Sea or Mountain as You Will  -- John Marin, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
... let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:8
Breaking of Bread Service -- Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Toronto, Canada
Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus... While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near...

Luke 24:13a, 15b
Road to Emmaus

Lelio Orsi
National Gallery
London
and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

Luke 24:15c, 16
Road to Emmaus
Altobello Melone
National Gallery
London
And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word..."

Luke 24:17a, 18a
Road to Emmaus -- American, early 18th c., National Gallery of Art, DC
Then one of them ... answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place ...?"

Luke 24:18
Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They... told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

Luke 24:22a, 23b
Women at the Tomb -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
Then he said to them, "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

Luke 24:25a, 26
But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."

Luke 24:29a
Road to Emmaus -- Carolingian, 9th c., Cloisters Museum, New York
When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Luke 24:30
Disciples at Emmaus

Eugene Delacroix
Brooklyn Museum
New York
Then their eyes were opened,
Supper at Emmaus
Rembrandt
Musée Jacquemart-André, Paris
and they recognized him.

Luke 24:31b
Supper at Emmaus -- Caravaggio, National Gallery, London
and he vanished from their sight.

Luke 24:31
Emmaus House – Martyrs of Uganda, Kamapala, Uganda
That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

Luke 24:33
While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Luke 24:36
Christ Appears to the Apostles  -- Duccio, Museo dell’Opera del Duomo, Siena, Italy
and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ... You are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:36, 38