

Lord Jesus Christ,
like the two disciples on the Emmaus road,
so often we journey through life unaware of Your presence.
Though we talk of Your resurrection
it does not stir up our hearts or capture our imagination
in the way it should.
Yet though we may not realise it,
even in our doubt You are there with us,
waiting to meet us along the way.
Open our eyes that we may see You and know you better.
Amen

Lord, we live in a world in which nothing seems to change
and yet in which nothing remains the same.
We look around us,
and we see the same old mistakes being made
as those which have littered the course of history.
We look at ourselves,
and though the appearance may have altered a little,
we see the same old person staring out at us,
beset still by familiar faults and weaknesses.
For all our hopes of progress, all our efforts at improvement,
Human nature seldom varies.
It is a depressing and frustrating thought.
And yet it's only half the story,
for in Christ you died and rose again,
and in so doing transformed the world.
Though the old lives on, the new is here,
at work in the world, at work in our lives,
taking what is and shaping it into what shall be.
Through him we have forgiveness,
the invitation to put our former selves behind us
and to be born again, life truly different.
Lord, though all else may change,
we know that you will not.
What you have done for us is done for ever!
Thanks be to God!
Amen