

Pil-grim-age n. 1. A journey made to a sacred place.



Caravaggio: The Supper at Emmaus 1601

The story from Luke's gospel is one of two of Jesus' disciples encountering a "stranger" on the road following the crucifixion. When hearing the story of God's salvation told to them by this stranger "their hearts burned". When breaking bread with the stranger they recognized that it was Jesus himself and that they had witnessed the resurrected Christ. Take note to the man seated at Jesus' left. **The man is wearing a scallop shell on his lapel reminding him of his baptism and identifying him as a "pilgrim"**. It was common in Caravaggio's time for "followers" of Christ to journey on Pilgrimage to sacred places. The wearing of a scallop shell was a mark so all would know that this person was a follower of Christ on pilgrimage. We at St. Anne's are on a pilgrimage! - A pilgrimage to discover the "holy" in ourselves, in our city, and in the stranger. A journey to live out our baptism by inviting the holy and responding to serve the world with our prayers and our service to those in need of the hospitality of the risen Christ! Won't you take a shell, wear it on your lapel, and join us?