

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Third Sunday In Easter

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God
and Celebration of the Holy Communion*

***Out of concern for our children, and our immuno-compromised members, we
ask that all continue to wear masks while in the church.***

Choral Prelude *O Quam Gloriosum* - Francesco Feroci (1673-1750)

Translation *O how glorious is the kingdom
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ,
clad in robes of white
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.*

O Beulah, Land Of Beulah! George Frederick Root (1820-1895)

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 182 *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

- 1** *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.*
- 2** *Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.*
- 3** *Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.*
- 4** *In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.*
- 5** *Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.*

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Gloria in Excelsis (#S 280)

- 1*** *Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*
- 2*** *Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*
- 3*** *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,*
- 4*** *you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;*
- 5*** *you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.*
- 6*** *For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,*
- 7*** *you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the story of the conversion of St. Paul.

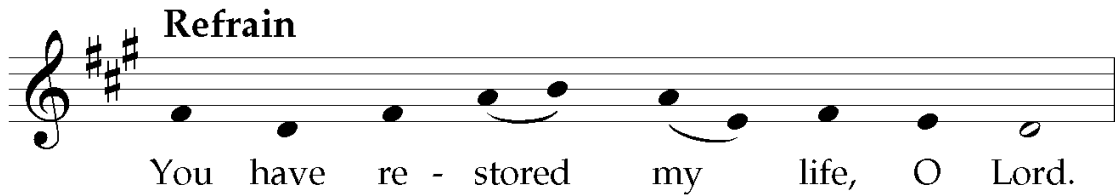
A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (9:1-20)

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30 *the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain*



- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
“I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper.”
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

INTRODUCTION: In this New Testament reading, St. John the Divine presents a heavenly vision of the Lamb that was slain as a figure of Jesus.

A Reading from the Revelation to St. John the Divine (15:9-26)

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 255 We Sing The Glorious Conquest

- 1 We sing the glorious conquest
before Damascus' gate,
when Saul, the church's spoiler
came spreading fear and hate.
God's light shone down from heaven
and broke across the path.
His presence pierced and blinded
the zealot in his wrath.*
- 2 O Voice that spoke within him;
O strong, reproofing Word;
O Love that sought and held him
a prisoner of his Lord;
help us to know your kingship
that we, in every hour,
in all that may confront us,
will trust your hidden power.*
- 3 Your grace, by ways mysterious,
our sinful wrath can bind,
and in those least expected
true servants you can find.*

*In us you seek disciples
to share your cross and crown
and give you final service
in glory at your throne.*

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

INTRODUCTION: Our Gospel this morning is the story of Jesus' resurrection appearance by the Sea of Tiberias.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. John the Evangelist (21:1-19)**

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know

everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.*

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Jack Gilpin

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;*

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

*He was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Blessed Jesus, you revealed yourself to the apostles by the Sea of Tiberias; open the eyes of our faith, that we may know your presence in all creation and praise you through our prayers, responding, “Hear us, O risen Christ.”

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

+ For a conversion of spirit and life amongst those who do not yet believe in the redeeming work of Christ; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For a continual conversion of the souls of the faithful, that we may meet Jesus in the poor, the abandoned, those suffering from addictions, the imprisoned, people with debilitating diseases, and all for whom Jesus gave his life and rose again; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For the creative vision to help developing nations secure a stable future, especially in Ukraine, and to encourage peace in the global community; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For our Bishops, the clergy, and all in authority who exercise leadership in our Church, that our ties may be strengthened within our diocese, so that the whole Church may call upon the Risen One to invigorate our faith and witness; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For those still suffering in the midst of this pandemic, and for those for whom our prayers are asked, especially Tillie Page, Kathy Coe, Tom & MB Witt, and Jonathan Hall; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For passages in our lives: the fear and delight in new experiences, new jobs, new lives, new spaces; that we may discover God's unchanging love in the heart of change itself; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ In thanksgiving for loved ones and all who now abide in eternal life; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Bread and in the holy Cup of salvation, as we continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the confession

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem *These Are They Which Follow The Lamb* John Goss (1800-80)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Celebrant faces the congregation and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer

Sanctus *Missa Brevis* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

*Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread S # 153

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei S # 161

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 grant us peace.*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours

Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. The Celebrant will intinct the wafer in the chalice and place the consecrated host in the open hands or upon the tongue of the communicant, as desired.

Communion Hymn # 321 *My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread*

*1 My God, thy table now is spread,
 thy cup with love doth overflow;
 be all thy children thither led,
 and let them thy sweet mercies know.*

*2 O let thy table honored be,
 and furnished well with joyful guests;
 and may each soul salvation see,
 that here its sacred pledges tastes.*

**3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,
in countless number let them come
and gather from their Father's board
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.**

**4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest
till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread shall all be blessed
who see the light or feel the sun.**

for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive, here is the Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we are not now receiving you physically, we ask you to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn # 495 *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!*

***1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior,***

- bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor:
life is given through thy Name*
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven,
reconciled are we with God.*
- 3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading:
there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding,
till in glory we appear.*
- 4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing
thou art worthy to receive;
highest praises, without ceasing,
right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits,
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!*

*Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Organ Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Jack Gilpin, *Celebrant*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Rebecca Bent, *Chalicer*

Tom Hollinger, *8:00 Reader*

Ann Hodgman, *10:00 Reader*

Larry Littlefield, *Veejay (VJ)*

Susie Magee, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

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