



# The Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am • May 4, 2025

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* (the 'S' numbers are in the front!) which can be found in your pew. The service begins in quiet and prayer.

**Prelude:** *Canzon Quarti Toni (Dopo il Post Comune)* Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)  
Oliver Steissberg, Organ

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Processional Hymn 417:** *This is the Feast of Victory*

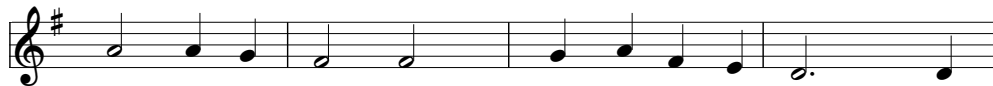
*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**Hymn of Praise:** *Christ Our Passover*



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
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## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 First Lesson:** *Acts 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.

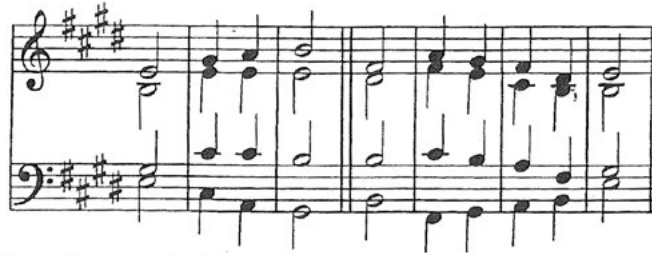
Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The LORD said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, LORD." The LORD said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has 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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 30



- Choir I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have <sup>1</sup>lifted me <sup>1</sup>up \*  
and have not let my <sup>1</sup>enemies <sup>1</sup>triumph <sup>1</sup>over me.
- ALL** O LORD my God, I cried <sup>1</sup>out to <sup>1</sup>you, \*  
and <sup>1</sup>you re<sup>1</sup>stored me to <sup>1</sup>health.
- Choir You brought me up, O LORD, <sup>1</sup>from the <sup>1</sup>dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was <sup>1</sup>going <sup>1</sup>down to the <sup>1</sup>grave.
- ALL** Sing to the LORD, you <sup>1</sup>servants of <sup>1</sup>his; \*  
give thanks for the re<sup>1</sup>membrance <sup>1</sup>of his <sup>1</sup>holiness.
- Choir For his wrath endures but the <sup>1</sup>twinkling of <sup>1</sup>an <sup>1</sup>eye, \*  
his <sup>1</sup>favor <sup>1</sup>for a <sup>1</sup>lifetime.
- ALL** Weeping may <sup>1</sup>spend the <sup>1</sup>night, \*  
but <sup>1</sup>joy <sup>1</sup>comes in the <sup>1</sup>morning.
- Choir While I felt secure, I said,  
“I shall <sup>1</sup>never be <sup>1</sup>dis<sup>1</sup>turbed. \*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as <sup>1</sup>strong <sup>1</sup>as the <sup>1</sup>mountains.”
- ALL** Then you <sup>1</sup>hid your <sup>1</sup>face, \*  
and <sup>1</sup>I was <sup>1</sup>filled with <sup>1</sup>fear.
- Choir I cried to <sup>1</sup>you, O LORD; \*  
I <sup>1</sup>pleaded with the <sup>1</sup>LORD, <sup>1</sup>saying,
- ALL** “What profit is there in my blood, if I go <sup>1</sup>down to the <sup>1</sup>Pit? \*  
will the dust <sup>1</sup>praise you or <sup>1</sup>de<sup>1</sup>clare your <sup>1</sup>faithfulness?
- Choir Hear, O LORD, and have <sup>1</sup>mercy up <sup>1</sup>on me; \*  
O LORD, <sup>1</sup>be my <sup>1</sup>helper.”
- ALL** You have turned my <sup>1</sup>wailing into <sup>1</sup>dancing; \*  
you have put off my <sup>1</sup>sack-cloth and <sup>1</sup>clothed me with <sup>1</sup>joy.  
Therefore my heart sings to <sup>1</sup>you without <sup>1</sup>ceasing; \*  
O LORD my God, I will <sup>1</sup>give you <sup>1</sup>thanks for <sup>1</sup>ever.

### The Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

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.

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

**Sequence Hymn 186: Christ Jesus Lay**

*Reader*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*     **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel: John 21:1-19**

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."

*Reader*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**Baptism Hymn 296: We know that Christ is Raised**

**BAPTISM OF MCKENNA ELIZABETH ERIKSON & GRAHAM HERBERT CASE**

*Celebrant*   The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*   I present McKenna to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Parents and Godparents*   I present Graham to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant*   Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ? *I will, with God's help.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?  
*I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? *I do.*

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *I do.*

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? *I do.*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the 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 of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for McKenna and Graham who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Offertory Anthem:** *Flocks in Pastures Green Abiding, BWV 208*  
The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

J.S. Bach

**Children's Entrance Hymn 213:** *Come Away to the Skies*



*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem:** *Festival Eucharist*

Craig Phillips

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

**Communion Anthem:** *Praise to the Lord!*

arr. Don L. Collins

The St. Andrew' Junior Choir

**Communion Hymn 305:** *Come, Risen Lord*

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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 Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 492:** *Sing, ye Faithful*

**Saint Andrew's Players Preview**