

**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY  
May 1, 2022 Year C  
**10:30 AM**

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude** Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand (*Jesus Christ, Our Saviour who overcame death*) S. 626 *(Jesus Christ, Our Saviour who overcame death)* J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

**\*Processional Hymn** *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (Gelobt sei Gott)* **Hymnal #205**

**\*Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

**\*Collect For Purity**

**\*Gloria** **Hymnal #S-280**

**The Collect of the Day**

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."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 30

*Exaltabo te, Domine*

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.

### The Epistle Reading

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **\*The Gospel Reading**

**John 21:1–19**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Megan Castellan**

## **\*The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped  
and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **\*The Prayers of the People**

Blessed Jesus, you revealed yourself to the apostles; 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."

+ 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, and to encourage peace in the global community; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ For our DeDe, our Bishop, the clergy, and all in authority who exercise leadership in our Church, that our ties may be strengthened within our diocese(s), 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 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.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Theodore	Loraine	Joan	Linda	Kelly
Carol	Edith	Jean	Jonathan	Joshua
Lorraine	Stanley	Wes	Lisa	Gabby
John	Dave	Sara	Gordon	Eleanore

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:  
Otto Sanaker, Beverly Baker, Mwende Wagner, Jonathan Meigs, Francis Sansom

**Confession Of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

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**

**Please remain in your pew. Wave!**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

**Announcements & Welcome**

**Offertory Sentence**

**\*Presentation Hymn** Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (*St. Agnes*)

**Hymnal #343**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**Expanded Language Prayer A**

**Celebrant:** 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 our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy** (*Sanctus*)

**Hymnal #S-130**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, Sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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, Jesus 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Fraction Anthem** Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

**Hymnal #S-161**

## The Communion of the People

*All people are invited to the Lord's Table.*

*Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread with wine available for intincture.*

*Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle to receive.*

*Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request*

## Post Communion 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.*

## Blessing

**\*Recessional** He is risen (*Unser Herrscher*)

**Hymnal #180**

## Dismissal

**Postlude** Christ lag in Todesbanden (*Christ lay in the bonds of death*) S. 625

J. S. Bach

**Liturgical Ministers:** Gary Anderson, Amber Massa, Stephanie Nevels

**Virtual Vergers:** Ben Dean, Virginia McGhee

*This morning we welcome guest Organist Mark A. Radice*

**St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!**

**May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.**

**NEW PRAYER LIST** If you didn't hear a name you expected to, hear please call the office to have the name added.

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## HYMNS

### **Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (*Gelobt sei Gott*)**

#### **Hymnal #205**

1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The Lord of life is risen today!  
Sing songs of praise along his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5. To God the Father, God the Son,  
to God the Spirit, always One,  
we sing for life in us begun:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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### **Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (*St. Agnes*)**

#### **Hymnal #343**

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
thy chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness,  
with water from the rock.

2 We would not live by bread alone,  
but by thy word of grace,

in strength of which we travel on  
to our abiding place.

3 Be known to us in breaking bread,  
and do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread  
thy table in our heart.

4 Lord, sup with us in love divine,  
thy Body and thy Blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine,  
be our immortal food.

### **He is risen (Unser Herrscher) Hymnal #180**

1. He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore—  
sin and pain can vex no more.

3. Come, with high and holy hymning,  
hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east,  
symbol of our Easter feast.

4. He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.





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**Please Join Us:**

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Please continue to wear your mask when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

Office of Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to offer our prayers and read and meditate on God's holy word.

*Forward Day by Day* for May, June, and July is available on the table in the rear of the church.

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