



## **The Third Sunday of Easter**

**The Holy Eucharist**

**May 4, 2025**

**9am and 10am services**

## **The Entrance**

Opening Hymn 544

“Jesus Shall Reign Where e’er the Sun”

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen  
*People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Gloria (S280)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Word of the Lord**

Salutation

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.  
*People:* And also with you.  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

### 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 Old Testament Lesson

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

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."]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 30 (*said responsively by whole verse*)

I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

*O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \**  
*and you restored me to health.*

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

*Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \**  
*give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.*

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.

*Weeping may spend the night, \**  
*but joy comes in the morning.*

While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

*Then you hid your face, \**  
*and I was filled with fear.*

I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

*"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \**  
*will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?*

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper."

*You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.*

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The New Testament 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 313

"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

The Gospel

John 21:1-19

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

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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Kathleen Liles

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

**Celebrant:** In the name of Christ, let us pray to the God whose care embraces every person in need.

**Leader:** That the church, your household, O God, may reflect your compassion and hurry to welcome everyone with an embrace of love and a place at the table. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** That all who suffer and grieve may know comfort, justice, peace and restoration. Lord, in your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* That all who are alienated from their families may find the understanding they seek, and the care they need for healing. Lord, in your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* That those burdened by hurtful memories or past guilt may come to know your forgiveness is unconditional and freely given. Lord, in your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* For our own needs and those of others, especially those for whom we have been asked to pray especially Sophia, Jake, Evan, Rachel, Debbie, Stephen, George, Carolyn, Tori, John, Tom, Trish, Justin, Nathan, Andrea, Angela, Liam, Candace, Dennis, Jackie, Susan, Lucy, Diane, Paul, Sue, Austin, Craig, and Gary. Lord, in your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* That we, whose sins have been forgiven, may extend forgiveness to others. Lord, in your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* For all the departed; that they may know peace in the risen life of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant:* Good and gracious God, rich in mercy and pardon, hear the prayers we offer;  
at your altar give us a foretaste of the joy you have prepared for us in the paschal banquet of your Son, Christ our Lord.

*People: Amen.*

The Peace

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

*People: And also with you.*



## Announcements

Garage Clean Up: Tentative date is Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

Altar Guild Help Needed! - We are in need of more volunteers on Altar Guild. If you are interested in being a part of this meaningful ministry, please contact Maryanne in the parish office. Our current members will train you, the schedule is on a rotating basis, and the other members of this group will help whenever needed.

For our puzzle enthusiasts: There are three brand new boxed puzzles in the library that you are welcome to take, make and keep. They were donated for anyone who enjoys honing their puzzle making skills.

Nursery School Enrollment: Christ Church in Easton is enrolling children for their Nature Based Early Education Nursery School for the 2025-2026 school year. The children are outside as much as possible, fostering a connection to the natural world on our very beautiful grounds. Various sessions are offered for 2 to 5 year olds under Director Maggie Supple. For more information, please see the flyer in our weekly newsletter.

Offertory Hymn 396

“Now Thank We All Our God”

### ***All are invited to the Lord's Table***

*In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons, including those from other Christian Churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The people stand or kneel. 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;

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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,

*All:* 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn “Sinking Deep” by Hillsong United

The 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.*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Retiring Hymn 537

“Christ for the World We Sing”



### **Serving at Today's Liturgy**

Celebrant: The Rev. L. Kathleen Liles

Deacon: The Rev. Lee Forshaw

Musician: Sean O'Reilly

Lector: Peter Ulisse

**UPCOMING SERVICE: May 11 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Easter.**  
**Holy Eucharist (Spoken) at 9am and Holy Eucharist (with hymns)**  
**at 10am followed by Coffee Hour.**

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