



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Third Sunday of Easter
May 5th, 2025

The Service of the Word

Opening Hymn: "The Summons"

*Will you come and follow me, If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

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

The Collect for Purity

*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*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise 178 : "Alleluia No. 1"

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen!
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Meanwhile 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 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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.

Sequence Hymn: “Take O Take Me as I am”

Take, O take me as I am; Summon out what I shall be;

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

The Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

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

People ***Glory to you Lord Christ.***

After these things 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
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Christ.

Message: The Rt. Rev. George D. Young III

The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

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 & 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.*

(*“catholic” means universal)

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone. (Silence)*

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. (Silence)

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. (Silence)

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy. (Silence)

We pray especially for the peoples in impoverished and war-torn areas;
Move every heart to yearn for peace, justice, and kindness for all people. (Silence)

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. –
(Pray aloud or silently for your own needs and concerns).
We pray especially for all who have died and for those who miss them. – *Pause.* Comfort and sustain us.

Help us to trust in you and in the never-ending life you eternally offer all people.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We also pray for all those on our church's prayer list;
Fill their lives with the healing power of your loving Spirit. (Silence)

And now, Heavenly Father, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory: “Resurrecting” (See insert)

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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

Sanctus S-129

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.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (p. 336 BCP)

Communion Hymn: “Living Waters” (See insert)

Communion Hymn: “What a Beautiful Name” (See insert)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 366 BCP)

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.*

Closing Hymn 494: “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

The Dismissal

Serving Today

8:00am - DOD: Pam Walker, **Ambassador:** Jane Briscione, **Chalice Bearer:** Kathy Bleeker, **Readers:** DeAnne Amacker, Isabelle Peterson

10:30am - DOD: Susan Karl, **Acolytes:** McKenzie Simpler, Sierra Dixon, **Ambassador:** Clay Coleman, **Chalice Bearers:** Angela Hinkle, Camille Lukow, **Readers:** Aaron Wimmers, Eden Ridgeway

Home Communion Volunteers

Jacemine Ray, Hunter Walker

Your Sermon Notes:

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Cinda Barber, CJ Moffett, Diane Persell*, Fay Scordato*, Jaime Badilla, Joe John & his whole family, Lavonne Thomas, Nancy Gibbons, Mabel Wilson*, Mark & Nikki Thomas, Melinda Turner, Sherry Tilman's Family, Paul Ridgeway, Lavonne Thomas

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony

Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Shaun Southall, Steven Bonello, Stephen del Risco, Taylor Knueven

Repose of the Soul

C. Edward Dake, Elanor White, Charles Power, Sherry Jo Tilman, Diane Ridgeway Spicer.

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