

**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**May 4, 2025**

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**THE HYMNS**

Opening Hymn:	<i>"Come on Journey with a Saviour"</i>	CP-482
Gradual Hymn:	<i>"Rejoice Today with One Accord"</i>	CP-318
Offertory Hymn:	<i>"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"</i>	CP-456
Communion Hymns:	<i>"Come, Let us Eat"</i>	CP-62
	<i>"Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult"</i>	CP-432
Closing Hymn:	<i>"Rise Up O Saints of God"</i>	CP-586

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

**All:** **Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God, who raises the dead to life. Amen.<sup>i</sup>**

**THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE READINGS<sup>ii</sup>**

**First Reading:** (Isaiah 61:1-3) Read by Theresa

In a passage probably written after the people of Israel returned from Exile to a devastated land, the prophet foretells the total salvation of God's people. Jesus used the opening verses as his text when he preached the good news in the synagogue at Nazareth.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

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### Psalm 30<sup>iii</sup> - Cantor - Andy

*The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.*



#### **Refrain: Remember God's holiness and praise God.**

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

O my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. You brought me up,  
O God from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. **[Refrain]**

Sing to the Most High, all you servants;  
give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness.

For wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, but favour for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. **[Refrain]**

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

You, God, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. **[Refrain]**

I cried to you, O God; I pleaded with you and said,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?

will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? **[Refrain]**

Hear, O God, and have mercy upon me; O God, 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 God, I will give you thanks for ever.

**[Refrain]**

#### **Second Reading:** (Acts 9:1-20) Read by Graham

Luke, the author of Acts, has told us that in Jerusalem "Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison." Now we see his great transformation: from persecutor to evangelist. In the early days, Christianity was known as *The Way*.

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

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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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Gospel Reading:** (John 21:1-19)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Since his resurrection, Jesus has twice appeared to the disciples in the house where he hosted the Last Supper. Now he appears to seven disciples near the Sea of Galilee. "Tiberias" was the Roman name for the lake.

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 his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came

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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 Christ

**All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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<sup>i</sup> The Collect is from Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

<sup>ii</sup> The notes on the readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary Commentary, at the [montreal.anglican.org](http://montreal.anglican.org) site [Link](#), written by Chris Haslam.

<sup>iii</sup> The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>