



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 2025 | 10:00 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST

HYMNALS WE USE: H82 (Blue); LEVAS (Black and Red); WLP (Green)

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING RITE

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

H82 #492

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant May God 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 READING

Acts 9:1-20

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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

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 SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

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

They cast their nets in Galilee

Please stand as you are able.
H82 #661**THE GOSPEL**

John 21:1-19

Priest 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****THE SERMON**

The Rev. Jonathan Eden

THE NICENE CREED*Please stand as you are able.*

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

Standing or Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively

Intervenor Let us pray together saying, "God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer."

People **God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.**

For Sean and Julia, our Bishops, and for all those who lead and guide the Church of Christ; for loving care, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, hear our prayer.

For faithful witness, fellowship in love; for living hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever merciful, hear our prayer.

For those who guide the nations of the earth; that wisdom reign, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever redeeming, hear our prayer.

For those who seek and serve the common good; that justice reign, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever present, hear our prayer.

For neighbors' needs, for shelter from the storm; for homes of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever nurturing, hear our prayer.

For those in sorrow, anguish, despair and for those who are sick, especially Jim, Catherine P., Janet, Chris, Alexis, Ken, Emerson, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, Bob, and for those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*); that they may find hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever comforting, hear our prayer.

For the oppressed, for those who live in fear; that they may be freed; that we might live in peace from day to day; that wars will cease, we pray to you, O Lord:

God who seeks justice, hear our prayer.

For all who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*). That they may gather one day, at a table we hope to share; we pray to you, O Lord:

God who is eternal, hear our prayer.

For Trinity Parish, Newton Center; Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban; St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley; Allston Abbey, Boston; and the Life Together Diocesan Intern Program. That we may stay faithful and open to your Word. For all the dreams held deep within our hearts and for all our needs. Entrusting all that we are into your hands, we call your name, and pray to you, O Lord:

God of your people, hear our prayer.

Celebrant God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear the prayers we bring before you, strengthen us to share in the saving work of Jesus, and bring us and all you have created into the fullness of life that your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ has promised, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our eternal God.

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

Celebrant God who moves in light and love and life: From before time you have nurtured this creation as a loving parent cares for a beloved child. You fill it with beauty and, by its bounty, provide for its every need. In your good time you brought us forth from the world, created in your image. You made us stewards of this good earth and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. Then, as now, you spoke your love in many different languages, so that all might hear. You spoke to your people Israel and set them apart as a blessing to all people, and from them, again in your good time, you raised up a servant for us all, the eternal Word, Jesus, who would give his life for those he loved in hopes of bringing them new life. And, singing with the whole company of heaven, we join those from every time and tongue and tribe who proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

H82 #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Jesus, the Blessed One, came and moved among us, healed, cured, and calmed, and challenged the authorities of this world to be faithful stewards of your people and messengers of your love. On the night he was taken captive by powers and principalities, Jesus spoke new words over bread and wine with his friends.

And so, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be, for your people, the Body and Blood of Christ; who, on the night before he died for us, took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: "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 a new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gathered here as the stewards of this table, and following your command,

People **We remember His death,
We proclaim His resurrection,
We await His coming in glory.**

Celebrant And we celebrate, O God, this memorial of Christ our Savior. With holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of Christ's death, and we proclaim His resurrection, until He comes in glory.

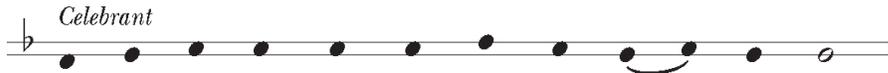
Gather us by this Holy Communion, and, as you have blessed these gifts to be the body and blood of Christ, bless us also to become Christ's Body in the world. Knit together in your love, and so made one in your eternal purpose, we offer and present to you, O God, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to become a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

H82 #S148

Celebrant



As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

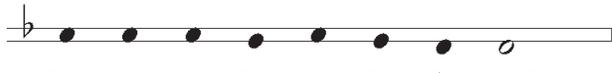
Celebrant and People



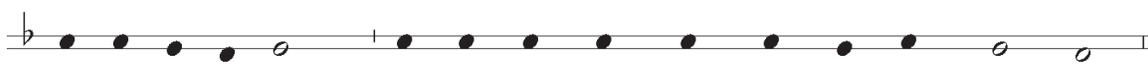
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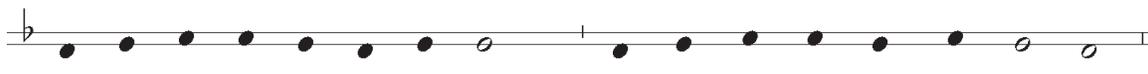
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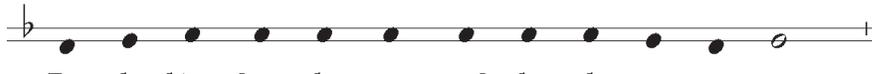
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.**

BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace,
be of good courage.
Hold fast to that which is good.
Render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the faint-hearted.
Support the weak.
Help the afflicted.
Honor all persons.
Love and serve God,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
And the blessing of God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us,
be upon you,
and remain with you always.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

H82 #182

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace, to proclaim God's Word made flesh. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

