



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 1 MAY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

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The Lesson: Acts (9:1—6)

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Commentary:

When Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death, a young man named Saul actively approved of the execution (see Acts 8:1-3). Since Stephen's death, Saul had been persecuting Jews who had come to believe that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. Saul was given authority by the high priest in Jerusalem to arrest Jesus' Jewish followers who had fled to Damascus to escape persecution. However, Saul was literally stopped in his tracks by an encounter with the living, risen Lord. Jesus asked why Saul was persecuting Him, not His followers, but Jesus Himself. Saul was astounded to discover that the risen Christ was also present in His earthly disciples whom Saul was persecuting. Saul, later known as Paul, was converted on the road to Damascus, becoming a tireless advocate for the spread of the gospel to all nations.

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: John (21:1—19)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 991

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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

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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 be to thee, O Christ.

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The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

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