

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 1 MAY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II WITH CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION

9:00 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 182

Truro

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing.
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high,
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns

His cross stands emp - ty to the sky.
to dis - tant years in Pal - es - tine,
un - touched, un - moved by hu - man pains,
where co - lor, scorn or wealth di - vide,
through this and ev - ery fu - ture age,

Let streets and homes with prais - es ring.
he comes to claim the here and now
but dai - ly, in the midst of life,
he suf - fers still, yet loves the more,
till all cre - a - tion lives and learns

His love in death shall nev - er die.
and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
his joy, his jus - tice, love and praise.

Opening Acclamation

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**
 There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
 One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.
 The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 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 Lessons

A reading from Acts (9:1—6)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1002

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.

A reading from Revelation (5:11—14)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1122

Commentary:

John's vision recorded in Revelation contained some unusual and unexpected features. John saw the Messiah as a Lamb being worshiped in the throne room of heaven, along with God the Father. Initially, the worshipers were four living creatures and twenty four elders (see Revelation 5:1-10), but they are now joined by an innumerable host, who ascribe to the Lamb seven attributes that are His by nature. Finally, this worship chorus is joined by 'every creature in heaven, on earth and under the earth'. For all creation, worship is the appropriate response to what God has done through Jesus Christ.

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!"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 991

All repeat the Alleluias

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,

(continued overleaf)

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 to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Robert Skirving

Hymn: “I, the Lord of sea and sky”

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard your people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain.*

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<i>Celebrant</i> The peace of the Lord be always with you.	
<i>People</i> And also with you.	

*All loose plate offerings this day will be given to the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund
to be used for needs of the Church not covered by the Diocesan budget.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *Sung by the choir*

Daniel Burton

I got me flowers to strew thy way;
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,
Though he give light, and the East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,
Though many suns to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we miss:
There is but one, and that one ever.

George Herbert

Presentation Hymn

Old 100th

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.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

(BCP p. 361)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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



Ho - ly, — ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, God of pow'r and
might, — heav'n and — earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name, in the name — of the Lord. — Ho - san - na —
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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:

(BCP p. 364)

Celebrant and People

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,

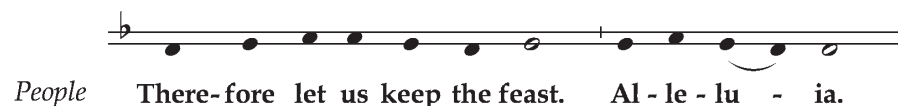
and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction (S152):

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



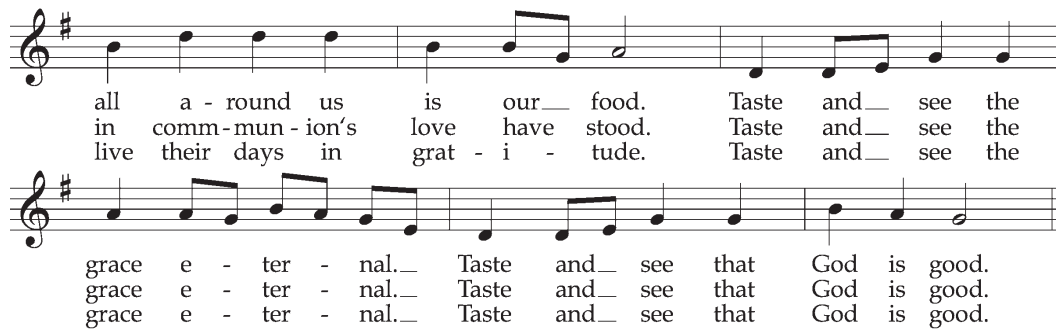
The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Hymn "All who hunger, gather gladly"

Holy Manna

1 All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2 All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is
is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.
Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of full - ness,
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scat - tered
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who from this ta - ble



Hymn 335 "I am the bread of life"

I Am the Bread of Life

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest and People

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

Hymn 490 "I want to walk as a child of the light"

Houston

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Celebrant and Preacher:
The Right Reverend Robert Skirving

Deacon:
The Reverend Rhonda Thomas

Assisting:
The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.
The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Edward Lee Ward, Dorothy C. Davis and Robert T. Davis, Lynn W. Pollock, Adelaide S. Ward.*

PARISH CELEBRATION TODAY



Sunday, May 1 | 9:00 a.m. Service | Reception Following Service

Following the service, there will be a reception on the St James lawn. All are welcome to join the Rt. Rev'd Robert Skirving, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina along with those being confirmed, received, and reaffirmed for a time of fellowship and celebration.

Nursery Available during the Parish Celebration.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MAY 2-6

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, MAY 2

- ST. JAMES SILENT AUCTION
All Day | Bid Now Online!
- LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 3

- ST. JAMES SILENT AUCTION
All Day | Bid Now Online!
- MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

- STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | SB on S. 17th St.
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- ST. JAMES SILENT AUCTION
Until 8:00 PM | Bid Now Online!
- EPISCOPOSSE BIBLE STUDY
8:15 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, MAY 5

- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, MAY 6

- SJDS 4's CLASS MOTHER'S TEA
11:00 AM | St. James Day School

SATURDAY, May 7

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, MAY 8

MOTHER'S DAY

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- ONLINE LIVE STREAM
9 & 11:15 AM | Website or FB
- PARISH WIDE CELEBRATION
10:10 AM | St. James
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish

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