



# St. John's Episcopal Church

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II MAY 1, 2022 10:00 AM

**Tower Bells**

**Voluntary**

*Allegro con spirito*

Frank Bridge

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

**Entrance Hymn 212** (*Standing*)

*Awake, arise, lift up your voice*

**The Opening Acclamation**

*Priest:* 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.**

**Hymn of Praise 417, v. 1**

*This is the feast of victory for our God*

*The cantor and congregation sing the Antiphon; the choir sings the verse.*

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be the people of God.

*Antiphon*

## **The Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* 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.**

## **First Grade Class Festal Eucharist Prayer** *(Read by all)*

Dear Heavenly Father, We love you because you help us, care for us, and you sent your only son to die on the cross for us. We are thankful for our pets, families, homes, friends, ice cream, and most of all, your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are sorry for using unkind words to others and not showing patience with our families and friends.

We ask you to bless our pets who have passed away, our families, and those who are sick and poor. Please help us learn new things and do well in school. We pray that you help bring joy and good health to all. Amen.

## **The First Reading Acts 9:1-20** *(Seated)*

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.**

## **Sequence Hymn 306** *(Standing)*

*Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest*

## **The Holy Gospel John 21:1-19** *(Standing)*

*Deacon:* 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.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Children’s Chapel**

*Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children may gather on the church steps for a children’s homily and then process out to Children’s Chapel. They will return during the Peace.*

### **The Sermon** *(Seated)*

The Reverend Abigail W. Moon

### **The Nicene Creed** *(Said by all, standing)*

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** *(Kneeling or standing)*

*Leader:* 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.**

For Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; and John, our mayor. For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; Abi and Bill, our priests; Joe, our deacon; Chris, our seminarian; John and Caroline, our missionaries to Ecuador; Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest; the diocesan bishop candidates; the St. John's rector search;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering Julia Livingston, John Stanley, Marci Russell, Nancy Middleton, David Lloyd, Vonnie Davis, Marta, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for all who face the peril of war and civil unrest. Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the members of our first grade class receiving Eucharist today: Isabelle Aurelia Carroll, Carolyn Estelle Dixon, Leia Hope Joo, Ethan Asher Joo, Rachel Ann Paulson, George Foxworthy Perkins, Jacqueline Alexandra Richartz, and Emmett Gregory Skinner. We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Remembering Christopher Peluso, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*(Silence)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Priest concludes with a Collect.*

**The Peace** *(Standing)*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

*A song to the Lamb*

Donald Pearson

*If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your contributions in the offertory plates as they are passed in the pews. To make a digital offering through St. John's online portal, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code on the back panel of this bulletin or click the "Give Now" button on the St. John's home page. You can also make a gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56, or by mailing your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301. If you bank online, consider setting St. John's up as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleuia.

**The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A** (*Standing*)

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... 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:

**Sanctus S 125**

*Holy, holy, holy*

Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*(The congregation may kneel or remain standing.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Priest and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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:

### **The Lord's Prayer** *(Said by all, kneeling)*

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

#### **Fraction Anthem** *(Sung by all)*

*Christ our Passover*

Jeffrey Rickard

*The choir and congregation sing the refrain; the choir sings the verse*

Congregation Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been sac - ri - ficed for

us; There - fore let us keep the feast, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

**Invitation to Communion:** *All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the railing and receive the bread in your hand. The Christian tradition teaches that Christ is fully received in one kind. You may wish to receive the wine from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to intinct your wafer in the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest, and the server will know that you would prefer to be blessed rather than to receive.*

### **Communion Hymns 178, 304, 343**

#### **Postcommunion Prayer** *(Said by all, kneeling)*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*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.

*When Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following rite is offered:*

*Priest:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth to... bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### **The Blessing**

#### **Closing Hymn 208** *(Standing)*

*Alleluia! The strife is o'er*

#### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Voluntary**

*Gelobt sei Gott*

John Leavitt

**Tower Bells**

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**Flower Dedications**

*To the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Audrey V. Wilson*

*In celebration of our friend Helen Haines on her birthday, given by Mary Bruce Edmonds*

*To make a digital offering, use your phone's camera to scan here:*

