

# The Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022



**St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral  
Laramie, Wyoming**

*Before the service, talk to God.  
During the service, let God talk to you.  
After the service, talk to one another.*

*In Christ we grow in faith, respond through action, and  
embrace all people.*

## Prelude

Valentina Gavrilova

## Processional

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hymnal 460

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**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.**

## Gloria

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s 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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant 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 Lesson - Acts 9:1-20

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 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.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 30**

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

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.

**Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

**Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?”**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, 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 Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever

## **The Second Lesson – Revelation 5:11-14**

Then 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**

**“Be thou my vision” Hymnal 488**

## **The Holy Gospel**

Gospeler    The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 21:1-19)  
People        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 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."

Gospeler      The Gospel of the Lord.  
People        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

The Very Rev. Brian K. Gross

## The Nicene Creed

**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.**

## Prayers of the People

Brothers and sisters, give thanks to the One who clothes us with joy. The Lord is our helper and restorer, let us pray, “Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon us”

O God, you have chosen your church to bring your name before all nations: give us hearts to feed your lambs and tend your sheep, Give us hearts to follow Jesus. Hear, O Lord, **And have mercy upon us.**

Lord Christ, we look for the day when all will live together in peace, when every voice will together sing this hymn: to the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Hear, O Lord, **And have mercy upon us.**

Creator of the deep, protect and preserve our lakes, rivers, and oceans, and all creatures who live therein. May we be good stewards of the gift of water. Hear, O Lord, **And have mercy upon us.**

Ancient of Days, Bless with patience and confidence those who rely on others for support, care, and transportation. Bless the caretakers with strength. Hear, O Lord, **And have mercy upon us.**

O Lord our God, restore to health those who cry out to you. Lift up the lowly. Turn wailing into joyful dancing. Today we pray especially for Mel, Judith, Lucas, Danny, Marilyn, Darcy, Janet, Amy, Milward, Sunny, Cody, Brock, Hank, Liz, Pat, Martha, Neil, Kris, and \_\_\_\_\_. Hear, O Lord, **And have mercy upon us.**

Living God, you restore the life of those in the grave: may we, and all the dead, experience resurrection everlasting. Today we pray for those who have died \_\_\_\_\_. Hear, O Lord, **And have mercy upon us.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

## The Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Hymn

“We gather together” Hymnal 433

## Presentation Hymn

**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**

*This is the Lord’s table where ALL are welcome.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you do not wish to receive wine please know that receiving only the bread is still a full communion*

## The Holy Communion

## Wyoming Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: We thank you creator God, that we live in a place where the glorious revelation of yourself is all around us. The prairie bursts with song from wind and birds and waving grasses. The abundance of animals roaming freely reminds us of our own freedom, and the many ways you provide sustenance in your kingdom. From the depths of the ocean floor you lifted your massive mountains and pointed them toward the heavens.

We, like your son, our Lord, are called to these high places to get away and rest in communion with you. We marvel as we wander through stately pines and twirling aspens along the creeks, where trout dance on their tails above the rocks, and deer and elk sip from the water's edge: and we remember that you have given us the Living Water to quench our thirst. Our spirit is refreshed and our strength renewed.

We welcome the passing of seasons in broad circles of time, with anticipation of new things to come, and we recognize that same feeling of hope that encircles our faith. Our lives are lived between sunrises and sunsets and brilliant colors. But at night the limitless stars have a way of pushing back the boundaries of our lives and we dream of heaven and your wonder.

And with all these blessings of your creation around us, O God, we come together in communities on the prairie, by rivers and streams, on mountain tops, and in their shadows in the valley, to receive your Word, which has been sown in rich soil and grown in a fruitful crop in the Body of Christ.

And so we join with saints and angels in proclaiming your glory as we sing

**Celebrant and People            Hymnal S125**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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Celebrant: As we gather to praise your name, we see your greatest glory, your Son our Savior, reflected in each others faces and we know the magnitude of your love for us and ours for you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it ,gave it to them, and said: Take eat this is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As supper was ending. Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, and gave it to them saying, Drink this all of you, this is my Blood of the 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.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, who lived and died as one of us, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language, people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

Now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

**All: We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May our hearts feel the song of the meadowlark, our minds the clearness of the mountain air, and our souls the freedom of the soaring eagle. May our faith be renewed as the creek in spring, may we celebrate the saving redemption of the Cross in all its mysteries, may we always feel the love of the community of Christ. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

## **Recessional Hymn**

**“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”**

**Hymnal 182**

## **The Dismissal**

## **Postlude**

**Valentina Gavrilova**