

**Opening Hymn #Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain**

<sup>1</sup> Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness:  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters

<sup>2</sup> 'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.

<sup>3</sup> Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem,  
who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus' resurrection.

<sup>4</sup> Neither might the gates of death,  
nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal  
hold thee as a mortal:  
but today amidst thine own  
thou didst stand, bestowing  
that thy peace which evermore  
passeth human knowing.

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen

People: *Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

**Collect of the Day**

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.

**A Reading from the Book of Acts 9:1-6** read by Marcia Weaver

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."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 30 Exaltabo te, Domine (To be read responsively)** Led by Marcia Weaver

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.

**A Reading from the Book of Revelation 5:11-14** read by Sharon DeVivo

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 #550 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult** (*Verses 1-2, Gospel, Alleluia, Verses 3-4*)

<sup>1</sup> Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."

<sup>2</sup> as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.

<sup>3</sup> Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store;  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

<sup>4</sup> In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 21: 1-19**

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ (Remain standing)*

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*

**Sermon:** The Rev. Dr. Varghese Mathew

### **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 (remain standing):** led by Sharon Devivo

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*



Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Memorial Acclamation** (*sung*) Hymnal S 135

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**Amen** (*sung*) Hymnal S 147

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Priest: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**Communion Hymn #186 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Hands**

<sup>1</sup> Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands  
for our offenses given;  
but now at God's right hand he stands  
and brings us life from heaven;  
therefore let us joyful be,  
and sing to God right thankfully  
loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!

<sup>2</sup> It was a strange and dreadful strife  
when life and death contended;  
the victory remained with life,  
the reign of death was ended;  
stripped of power, no more he reigns,  
an empty form alone remains;  
his sting is lost forever! Alleluia!

<sup>3</sup> So let us keep the festival  
to which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is himself the joy of all,  
the sun that warms and lights us;  
by his grace he doth impart  
eternal sunshine to the heart;  
the night of sin is ended! Alleluia!

<sup>4</sup> Then let us feast this holy day  
on the true bread of heaven;  
the word of grace hath purged away  
the old and wicked leaven;  
Christ alone our souls will feed,  
he is our meat and drink indeed;  
faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Book of Common Prayer p. 365**

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

**Closing Hymn #495 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus**

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Savior,  
bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merit we find favor:  
life is given through thy Name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
all our sins on thee were laid:  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven  
through the virtue of thy blood:  
opened is the gate of heaven,  
reconciled are we with God.

<sup>3</sup> Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,  
seated at thy Father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading:  
there thou dost our place prepare;  
ever for us interceding,  
till in glory we appear.

<sup>4</sup> Worship, honor, power, and blessing  
thou art worthy to receive;  
highest praises, without ceasing,  
right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
all your noblest anthems raise;  
help to sing our Savior's merits,  
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

**Dismissal**

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

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