



All Saints' Episcopal Church



The Third Sunday of Easter  
10:00 AM + May 4, 2025

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Morning Prayer: Rite Two  
The Word of God

Prelude

Trio in A (Christian Rinck)

Hymn

“We are all children of the Lord” MHSO 105

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "We are all chil-dren of the Lord, young and old, big and lit-tle. We are all chil-dren of the Lord, let us live in har-mo-ny! Man-y names, man-y fac-es, man-y lands, man-y plac-es, but through time and through spac-es we are one hu-man-i-ty. We are all chil-dren of the Lord, one by one, all to-geth-er. We are all chil-dren of the Lord, just like one big fam-i-ly." The score ends with a double bar line.

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*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Officiant* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

*People* **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover** *1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \***

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \***

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \***

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \***

**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, \***

**by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \***

**so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

## Psalm 30

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:1-6, (7-20)

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**

**Canticle: A Song to the Lamb**      *Dignus es*

*Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

**Splendor and honor and kingly power \***  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
**For you created everything that is, \***  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
**And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \***  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
**From every family, language, people, and nation, \***  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
**And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \***  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \***  
for ever and for evermore.

#### **A Reading from the Revelation to John 5:11-14**

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*

Glory to God      *Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.

### A Reading from the Gospel according to John 21:1-19

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."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**Reflection**

Laura Marshall

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us 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.

Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

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 Collect of the Day*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. A Collect for Sundays*

**Prayers of the People** – [from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary] *The Leader and People pray responsively*

We come to you Lord as your people, raised for abundant life and as heralds of your Good News. Hear now the prayers of your people as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You were present with the ancient disciples, be present to us now and lead your church, that we might more fully embrace your mission. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You opened Paul's eyes to the possibilities of Christ's love and sacrifice. Open the eyes of our leaders and of all in positions of authority that they too might zealously pursue Christ's path. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen our faith and encourage us in our doubts, that we might cling to you and never lose hope. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We have been placed in abundant creation. Grant us wisdom to use it sustainably and equitably so that people everywhere may share its bounty. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You healed and brought comfort to those in pain and illness. Bringing healing to our brokenness and to all who suffer in any way. [Especially for...*prayer list*] Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You came to live and die just as we do. Fill our lives with your blessing and be with us in death that we might rise again with Christ in the new age. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving creator and sustainer, we are your renewed people, eager to live in your life and to reflect your mercy into the world around us. Hear our prayers and respond so that we may more fully live the life you created us for. All this we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and always.  
**Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

## **Announcements:**

**Anthem:**

**The Gift of Love  
American Folk Tune (arr. Hal Hopson)**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*Officiant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Hymn

"Thank you for the gift of Jesus" (vv. 1 & 4)

MHSO 139

1 Thank you for the gift of Je - sus: for his  
 2 Thanks for all the men and wom - en who, with  
 3 Hopes and dreams that live a - mong us, new com -  
 4 Boun - teous God, take tal - ents, mem - ories, all we

life a - mong the poor, for his free - ing  
 o - pened hearts and ears, heard his call and  
 pas - sions, deep - er cares, grow from seeds of  
 have and dear - ly hold; work in them your

words and spi - rit, faith and hope that still en - dure,  
 lived his pas - sion in their strug - gles, joys, and tears.  
 your own plant - ing, stem from faith of our fore - bears.  
 pres - ent pur - pose, give them back a hun - dred - fold.

for the love he felt and nur - tured in the  
 Through their touch - ing, speak - ing, teach - ing, plen - teous  
 So the past re - news the pres - ent, soon the  
 So your peo - ple born to - mor - row may with

shamed and dis - pos - sessed. Through his love our  
 gifts and guid - ing prayers, you have raised in  
 seed be - comes the tree, soon your for - est  
 joy sing out one day, "God is good and

hearts are o - pened, through his life our lives are blessed.  
 us the prom - ise: we shall be your friends and heirs!  
 stretch - es high - er, fur - ther than the eye can see.  
 God is gra - cious, God has blessed us on our way."

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## Postlude

## Voluntary in C (William Boyce)



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