

The Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

O Lamb of God Most Holy

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn 182 (vs. 1, 3-5) “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed

Then Celebrant may say,

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.*

The following hymn of praise is sung, all standing



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,



on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-



ceive our prayer.

6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The 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 Acts of the Apostles 9:1-6

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

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.

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.

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Gradual Hymn 374 "Come, let us join our cheerful songs"

The Gospel: John 21:1-19

Deacon or Priest 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/Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of the People, Form VI

The leader and people pray responsively

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 our communities, 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...and 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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Wayne, our Bishop, for Jason and Vahagn, our clergy;
and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence. The people may add their own petitions
Hear us, O Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For ...who celebrate birthdays this week and
for...who celebrate their anniversaries this week.
Silence. The people may add their own petitions
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, (especially ...), that they may have a place in your eternal
kingdom.
Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

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

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader and people:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable collect.

Rite 13 Ceremony: A Celebration of Journey

The Presentation

Sponsors

We present to you Izzy, Emily, Claire and Evelina, who this day leave behind childhood on their
journey to adulthood.

Celebrant

Dear People of God: the transformation from childhood to adulthood marks one of God's great gifts. Today, we celebrate this gift with Izzy, Emily, Claire, and Evelina as they begin their journey to adulthood. By the grace of God, you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood and have grown strong. Now, as young people journeying to adulthood, it is given to you to share God's power of creation. Human beings, because they are made in God's image, are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power-not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy.

Are you aware of God's gift to you and the responsibility to use it wisely?

Young People

I am.

Psalm 139:1, 8-9, 12-15, 22-23

Celebrant

Let us join with Izzy, Emily, Claire, and Evelina in reading a portion of Psalm 139. The congregation is asked to join in the antiphon.

Young People

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

If I take the wings of the morning
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me
 and your right hand hold me fast.

Antiphon said by all

With my whole heart, I seek you.

Young People

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
 You knit me together in my mother's womb;
I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
 Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you,
 While I was being made in secret and woven
 in the depths of the earth.

Antiphon said by all

With my whole heart, I seek you.

Young People

Your eyes behold my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
 they were fashioned day by day,
 when as yet there were none of them.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
 try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
 and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Antiphon said by all

With my whole heart, I seek you.

Celebrant

When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So, too, these parents stand, watching their offspring grow beyond childhood. Let us pray for them. O God, bless Valerie, Paul, Kim, Dave, Shannon, Graham, Amy and Peter, the parents of Izzy, Emily, Claire, and Evelina. Rejoice with them as their children begin the journey to adulthood; strengthen them that they may support these young people on their way; uphold them by your Spirit, that they may comfort their teenagers although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain. Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives.

Congregation

Amen.

The Charge to the Young People

Celebrant

As you journey beyond the circle of your family, you will need loyal friends. Will you walk together, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

Young People

We will, with God's help.

The Charge to the Congregation *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Celebrant

As the living Body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of God that spans the generations, share your knowledge and experience with Izzy, Emily, Claire, and Evelina as they journey to adulthood?

Congregation

We will with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you guide, guard, and sustain them as they grow into the full stature of Christ?

Congregation

We will with God's help.

The Blessings

Celebrant

Izzy, Emily, Claire, and Evelina, you have been armed by Almighty God with both the imagination of childhood and the strength, energy, and creative power of adolescence; now you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

The young people take turns kneeling. The parents come forward and lay hands on their shoulders. The Celebrant lays hands on the young person's head and says

N., may Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom, and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace, and the blessing of God, creator, Redeemer, and

Sustainer rest upon you this day and for evermore.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Feed My Lambs

Natalie Sleeth

The people's gifts of bread and wine, along with the collection, are brought to the Altar. (Please stand.)

Doxology

*3 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

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a proper preface is said.

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,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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,

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All persons are invited to the Altar. If you choose to receive communion, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- *Consume the bread first and then sip from the cup.*
- *Intinction is strongly discouraged however if you choose to intinct, please simply leave the wafer in your hands. The chalice bearer will dip the wafer for you then hand it back to you.*
- *Communion in one kind, or both, is acceptable. If you prefer to not receive the wine, you may proceed to your seat after receiving the bread.*
- *If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest as*

a signal to the ministers.

- *If you want a gluten free wafer, please place your palms down when you approach the ministers.*

Communion Hymn LEVAS II 41 “Christ has arisen, Alleluia!”

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious, Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Closing Hymn 535 “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

Gael Liardon