

Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols, Trumbull CT

Sunday, May 1, 2022

The Third Sunday of Easter

Hymn: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (H 199)

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen! ***The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

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.

Gloria In Excelsis (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 LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

Collect Of The Day

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.*** 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 9:1-6 (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."]

Psalm 30 *(Congregation invited to join choir on alternate verses)*

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 re/stored 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 de/clare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy up/on 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*

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.

Gradual Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Gospel *John 21:1-19*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. ***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."

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Homily

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.

The Prayers of the People

The women came running to tell us: the tomb stands empty; the garments of death are cast aside. Our tears of mourning turn to astonished gratitude; our grief becomes healing strength. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For the whole, bright earth, so lovingly created and so compassionately redeemed; that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For all nations and peoples of the earth to whom God shows no partiality; that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For the holy Church, whose life is hidden with Christ in God, that in all our diversity we may bear witness to the unity that flows from our baptism. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For those in authority in every nation and in every place; that they may govern with equity and justice; bringing life to those in the shadow of death. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For all who suffer in mind, body, spirit, or any other adversity; that they may be comforted by Christ who rises with healing in his glorious wings. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

For all who are dying and for all who have died that they may find the blessed assurance of light perpetual and everlasting life in Christ's triumph over death. Trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

Be present, O Risen Christ, in this your church's Easter praise. May we, like Mary Magdalene, the other women and all witnesses to the resurrection see the tomb empty, and walk in newness of life. Grant that our anthems of joy may give honor to the mystery of your redeeming love and that our proclamations of your victory over death may reflect the majesty of your eternal glory. In your most holy name we pray. ***Amen.***

Prayer for Transition (*Officiant and People*)

Oh God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us throughout our time of transition. Empower each one of us to use our unique gifts in ministry, to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Instill in us a vision of the Church's family; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Confession and Absolution

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.

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 peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory Sentence

✠ **THE HOLY EUCHARIST** ✠

The Offertory

Hymn: Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be our Guest (H 306)

(to be sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord. It is right to give God 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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:

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

And 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Fraction Anthem: *Angus Dei* (S 161) (*sung*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

The Communion

Communion Hymn: Alleluia, Give Thanks (H 178)

Prayer After Communion

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

Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and Voices Heavenward Raise *verses 1-4* (H191)
(*sung to Ode To Joy*)

The Dismissal

***The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Jerry Carlos,
beloved brother of Jami Carlacio.***

Clergy	<i>The Rev. Charles Kamano</i> <i>The Rev. Diane Peterson</i>
Intercessor	<i>Simon Howes</i>
Lectors	<i>Jane Sampson</i> <i>Donna Sutter</i>
Organ	<i>Herb Lazration</i>
Usher	<i>Joe Buzzeo</i>

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

☛ Prayer Requests

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Marge, Bill, Doug, Kathy, Michele, Maria, Colton, Peggy, Pat, Tyler, Ashley, Sandy, David, Amy, M'lee, Dave, Kelly, Maggie, Willard, Catherine, Carolyn, Alison, The Trembly family, Michael, Charles, Mary, Kristen, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, John, Linda, Jane, Barbara, Al, Phyllis, Clint, Elizabeth, Beth, Fred, Xavi, Adam, Billy, Jane, Kelly, Paul, Robby, Suzie, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Lilly, Pat, Jodi, Rui, Mary Ellen, Manny, Susan, Rich, Lisa, Mike, Marilee, John, Donna, DJ, Deacon Knute, Fran, Suzanne, George, Chris, Jamie, Michael, Hunter, Mason, Samuel, Alex, Jerry.

☛ WORSHIP

THIS WEEK we welcome back The Rev. Charles Kamano

☛ PARISH LIFE

IN TRANSITION news, the Vestry has met with the ECCT Transition Minister who has given permission to proceed with the recruitment of a half-time Priest-in-Charge. In the next few weeks, we will be conducting a parish self-study and up-dating certain information on our website. Following that, the ECCT will begin the recruitment process and forward names of prospective candidates to the Vestry for their review.

THE VESTRY will be calling you at some point in the next couple of weeks. The purpose of the call will be to gather certain information that is needed to proceed with the transition and to determine possible participation in upcoming activities related to our 175th Anniversary year celebration.

☛ OUTREACH

The next First Friday Food Drive to benefit the local food pantries will be held next Friday, May 6th from 8-12pm. Just drive in with your non-perishable foods and volunteers will help you unload.