



The Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:1-20)

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*

Psalm 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

- 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 holi/ness.
- 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 dis/turbed. *
 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 de/clare your faithful/ness?
- 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.

Reader 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*

Sequence Hymn "Now the green blade riseth" **Hymn 204**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (21:1-19)

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."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Adams

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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.

A Litany of Healing

Standing or kneeling

Reader	God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
People	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
Reader	God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
People	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
Reader	God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
People	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
Reader	Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
People	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
Reader	Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, especially <i>Sue, Julia, Betty, Betsy, Jennifer, Carleigh, Rebecca, Harry, Carolyn, Sanddii, Millard, Chuck, Will, Virginia, and Alice</i> that they may be made whole;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	You are the Lord who does wonders:
People	<i>You have declared your power among the peoples.</i>
Reader	With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
People	<i>And in your light we see light.</i>
Reader	Hear us, O Lord of life:
People	<i>Heal us, and make us whole.</i>

All may offer their prayers at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.

Celebrant and people

Compassionate God, we confess our weaknesses in body, mind, and spirit, and our need for your strengthening touch. We confess that some of what ails us stems from our own fault, while some is beyond our control. We turn to you, source of life, and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.

Celebrant May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Those desiring laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing of themselves or others may come to the altar rail at this time, or those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, who will tell the Celebrant to come to you. Please whisper to the Celebrant your name or the name of the person for whom you are praying so he may pray for the appropriate people.

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem *Alleluia, Christ is Risen* arr. James Kirkby

The Doxology: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

All: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B *Standing* BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up our 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 It is right... to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and
might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in
the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in
the highest.

Celebrant

Standing or kneeling

BCP 368

We give thanks to you...do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 138

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

BCP 369

And we offer our sacrifice...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses

For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant 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 baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

"Their voice goes out through all the earth"

John 21, Psalm 19

Communion Hymn

*"Bread of the world, in mercy broken"
"Father, we thank thee"*

Hymn 301
Hymn 302

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

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 your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

"Earth and all stars"

Hymn 412

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

The Closing Voluntary

Toccata in C

Johann Pachelbel

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Emmanuel, Bristol. Pray for the people of Emmanuel, Bristol and their rector, The Rev. David Bridges. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our champion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Discretionary Fund – Today is the 1st Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, "For RDF".

The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
Stafford Gorman Whittle III and Elizabeth (Betty) Martin Whittle
and Stafford Gorman Whittle IV
By Mary Clark German

The beauty of the Narthex flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of Crystal Austin and Harry Clay Gravely, IV
By James Austin

Bible Studies

After going on hiatus through Easter week, our Monday evening Bible study (7:00-8:00) picks up on **May 5** at Luke 20:20, as Jesus deftly handles trap questions set for him while teaching in the Temple. Both Bible studies meet in the Parish House, no preparation ahead of time is expected, and all are welcome.

History of the Early Church

Our concluding study in the History of the Early Church will take place on **May 7 at 10:30 in the Undercroft**, as we discuss the rise of Christian monasticism and consider the state of Christianity in Europe around 500.

Wednesday Eucharist

On Wednesdays, we celebrate Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Chapel (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes) spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, and are perfect for those who want to attend a service but are unable to come Sunday mornings or who want an additional gathering for corporate prayer to help them through the week. As of now, we are planning to gather every Wednesday in May.

Women's Club Meeting

You are invited to join us in the Parish House on **Tuesday, May 13, at 5:30** for the monthly Women's Club meeting. Beverages and paper products will be provided. Please sign up online under 'volunteers' if you plan to attend and if you're bringing a food item. **We are looking forward to our evening of fellowship!**

Public Theology

Public Theology meets on **Wednesday, May 14** at Renewal Brewing in Uptown Martinsville (32 Franklin St). Our topic this month is 'How the Hell Should I Know?' as we turn a tangent-not-taken from April's discussion of Jesus' resurrection into an evening of its own considering what we mean by Hell. We begin with socializing and pizza around 6:00, with the discussion going from 7:00 to 8:00.

Awards Sunday – Graduate Information Needed

At the 10:30 service on **May 18**, we will present the 2025 Beverly S. Parrish, Jr. award and offer a prayer for our graduates. We wish to celebrate our graduates by recognizing them in that Sunday's bulletin, so if you have someone graduating from high school, college, or a graduate, professional, or adult program, please send their information to Deborah at office@christchurchmvl.org or 276-632-2896 **by Friday, May 9.**

The Beverly S. Parrish, Jr. Christian Leadership Award

Christian, Scholar, Soldier

"May God grant that the spirit of this award will help us increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man."

Since 1957, whenever possible, Christ Church has presented this annual award to a young person(s) who best represent the spirit of Beverly S. Parrish, Jr. A plaque to honor his life and in recognition of our eligible youth who exemplify his admirable traits, is displayed in the narthex of the church.

Beverly S. Parrish, Jr., was awarded many academic accolades for his achievements as a young man. To name a few, he was an Eagle Scout, active youth member of Christ Church, a successful student of science and engineering, and a distinguished member of several military groups while attending college. He was a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Beverly S. Parrish, Jr., was an active member of Christ Church who served as a crucifer for many years. He continues to be remembered for his honors and achievements, but more importantly, for his personal qualities of kindness, strong sense of duty, and dependability. He had a "can do" attitude and was ready to assist his family and friends to the best of his ability. He was a Christian in every sense of the word.

Criteria for the Award

I. Service to Church (the Christian Spirit and Christian Leadership)

1. The Christian spirit: Acceptance of responsibility for Church, Sunday School, and other duties; Sense of acceptance of duty to God; Sense of reverence; Sense of loyalty to the Church; Humility and unselfishness; Friendliness and cheerfulness; Bible learning, prayer.
2. Participation in Church Activities: Choir, Crucifer, Acolyte, Youth Group, Young Altar Guild, Chalice Bearer, or Lay Reader.
3. Serving on committees.
4. Serving as a leader in Youth Group.
5. Serving at church activities such as Loaves & Fishes, mission trips.
6. Attendance in Sunday school and at church services

II. Service to school: Conduct/behavior; Special academic achievements; Extracurricular activities; Leadership experience; Sportsmanship/athletics; Artistic expression

III. Service to Community: Participation as a volunteer; Participation in organizations (Scouting, etc.); Participation in summer/part-time employment; Participation in local arts groups; Participation in civic groups.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Officiant: Phil Gardner

Reader: Susan Critz

Chalists: Bob Bushnell, John Swezey

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Trippi Penn, Ben Lewis

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Natalie Coleman, Steve Keyser

Altar Guild Team #2 – Valerie Payne, Page Beeler, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain, Ruth Foley, Rita Hodges, Michael Hodges, Linda O'Dell

Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

2025 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Betty Budde, Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell. Will Zimmer

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Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 1: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser