

# Third Sunday of Easter

## INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **112** *New English Hymnal*

In the name of the Father,  
and of ✠ the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All respond: Amen.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.*  
In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you call by name those who are yours.  
Lord, have mercy.  
℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake.  
Christ, have mercy.  
℟. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the door of the sheepfold; those who enter by you will be saved.  
Lord, have mercy.  
℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us ✠ our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.*  
**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.**

*All remain standing for the COLLECT.*  
Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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FIRST READING *Acts 9.1–6*  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

R/. You have made me strong as the mountains.

(All repeat)

I will praise you Lord, you have rescued me,  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into  
the grave. R/.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him;  
give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment, his favour  
through life;

At night there are tears, but joy comes with  
dawn. R/.

I said to myself in my good fortune:  
'Nothing will ever disturb me.'

Your favour made me strong as the mountains.  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with  
fear. R/.

To you O Lord I cried;

to my God I made appeal:

'What profit would my death be, my going to  
the grave?

Can dust give you praise or proclaim your  
truth?' R/.

The Lord listened and had pity;

the Lord came to my help.

You have changed my mourning into dancing;  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. R/.

## SECOND READING

Rev 5.11–14

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, 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 honour 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  
honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!'  
And the elders fell down and worshipped.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN—476

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Lk 24.32

**Alleluia.** Unfold the scriptures to us, O Lord:  
make our hearts burn within us as you speak.

**Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

Jn 21.1–19

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples  
by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself  
in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the  
Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons  
of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples  
were together. 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 as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the  
shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was  
Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have  
any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to  
them, "Cast the net on 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 of the  
quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved  
therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When  
Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put  
on his outer garment, for he was stripped for  
work, and threw himself into the sea. The other  
disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full  
of fish, for they were not far from the land, but  
about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a char-  
coal fire in place, with fish laid out 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, one hundred and fifty-three of them.

And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed 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." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved 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. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

A SERMON *may follow.*

All *stand* to recite 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, (all bow) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

(*all rise*) **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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:*

℣. Lord, hear us. ℞. **Lord, graciously hear us.**  
or ℣. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. **Hear our prayer.**

*At the Commemoration of the Departed:*

℣. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;  
℞. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The Intercessions end:* Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.*

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

OFFERTORY HYMN— **439**

*The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Accept, Lord, the gifts your Church offers to you in her rejoicing, and grant that the great joy you have given us may be crowned with eternal happiness in heaven; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The PREFACE follows.*

*All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.*

**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.**

*All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying, you destroyed our death;**

**rising, you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:*

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### RITE OF COMMUNION

*The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.*

**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, the power and  
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: grant us peace.**

*The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Holy Communion is distributed.*

#### COMMUNION HYMN—279

*The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.*

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### CONCLUSION

*The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN—119

*The service may end with the REGINA CÆLI.*

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,  
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

∨. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:  
℞. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that through the intercession of his mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**