
The Third Sunday of Easter ~ May 4, 2025

10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE 2

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Opening Hymn: #460: "Alleluia! sing to Jesus"

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Confession

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Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence is kept.

All: 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.

The Absolution

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Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

All stand.

The Invitatory and Psalter

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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! The Lord is risen indeed:

Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Christ our Passover (*Pascha nostrum*)

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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.

The Psalm for the Day: 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 First Lesson: Acts 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: Hear ends the Lesson.

The Third Song of Isaiah

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**Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.**

**They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.**

**You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.**

**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.***

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.

Reader: Here ends the Lesson

**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.**

Sequence Anthem

The Gospel: 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: Here ends the Lesson

Sermon

Deacon Marge Roccoberton

The Apostles' Creed (*The Officiant leads the people*) **BCP p. 96**

**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 *(The Intercessor leads the people in the prayers.)*

Intercessor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Intercessor: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer *(Said in unison.)*

**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.**

- 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.

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 Collect for Sundays

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 the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People [In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud].

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who celebrate their birthdays this
week: Anthony Wursthorn (5/4), Liliana Wursthorn (5/4),
Joseph Cyr (5/8), Steve Konopka (5/8), Jack Celio (5/10).

Silence

I ask your prayers for, for all our parish family and especially
those who have requested our prayers: Steve Konopka, John
Lumsden, Rosemarie, Fran, Len and Kim Begin, Nancy Kirkham,
Sheila and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

Silence

*I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.*

Silence

*I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge
of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.*

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

*Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has
been honored.*

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #435: “At the name of Jesus”

Officiant: In thanksgiving for the many blessings of our lives,
let us pray:

The General Thanksgiving *(all standing)*

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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 ourselves 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 Officiant concludes the service with the following prayer:

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them.

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Blessing:

Officiant: Let us Bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Closing Hymn: #: LEVAS 157: “We praise thee, O God”

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The Prayers and Thanksgivings for May 4, 2025

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John’s, New Haven; St. Luke’s, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; Retirement communities, especially Armsmear; chaplains at retirement communities, Retired Clergy Chaplains; *The Church of Ireland*

We pray for our clergy: Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Fr. Ron; for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Anthony Wursthorn (5/4), Liliana Wursthorn (5/4), Joseph Cyr (5/8), Steve Konopka (5/8), Jack Celio (5/10), and those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter’s Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially those who have requested our prayers: Steve Konopka, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, Fran, Len and Kim Begin, Nancy Kirkham, Sheila and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for those who are remembered in the listing of memorials this Easter Season.

Continuing Prayer List

Peter and Barbara Farren, Andrew, Carolyn Aubin, Peggy Cobb and family, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Gloria, Loretta, Tim O'Shea, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, Lydia, David Rigby, Judy Knox, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, Bill Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou and Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ella & Nicole, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl.

Up & Coming

The next Community Dinner will be our delicious stuffed, baked chicken breasts on May 17th. There is always need for helpers to do the kitchen prep., packing the dinners and being carhops. If you've never helped out at the dinners before, try it out. We'd love to welcome you. It is fun! There will be sign-up sheets in the church or call Marcia Eaton 860-614-7202

The Paschal Candle was given by Leonard Babin in memory of his wife Judi.

Gifts given in Honor of Loved Ones

Stephen & Victoria Fisk Family and friends here and abroad

The Forrest Family Ryan Clark and Our Armed Forces



Gifts Given in Memory of Loved Ones

Pamela & Tom Atwood

**Frost "Nanny" Krist,
Walter "Mac" Aldrich**

Judith Banks

**John Banks & the Banks McGovern
& Veillette families**

Trisha Beatty & George Dagon

Susan Beatty

Carolyn Bouchard

Her friend Joanna

Claire Bracaglia

**Henry Lindert, Henry Jones, Helen
Wason, Phyllis Meshanic**

Jane Chalmers

**Catherine Palmer; Marie & Bill
Bruneau**

Betty Close

Peter Byram

Georgette & Clyde Conrad, Jr.

**Odina, Ethel, Shirley & Louise
Domingue, Clyde Conrad Sr., Lillian
& Raymond Conrad**

Henry & Joyce Dombrowski

**Henry & Betty Dombrowski; John
& Angie Banulski; Judy, David &
Dave Martin**

Marcia & Chuck Eaton

**Barbara, George, Georgia, Jack, Lee
& Pam Potterton; Harrison, Ethel,
Harry & John Eaton**

The Eells Family	Clarence & Terry Michaud, Bonnie Eells
Stephen & Victoria Fisk	Stephen's parents; family and pets in heaven
The Forest Family	George W. Clark and Walter S. Forrest
Chris & Cathy Gerke	Ralph & Elizabeth Gerke John & Elizabeth McCashland
Adam B. Green	BettyLou Mocoski Judith Lynn Green
Maryann Hickelton	Marion Trudelle
Gayle Kataja	Peter C. Kataja, Kyle P. Buttice, Merle N. & G., Earl Porter, Natalie & Claude Jones
Kathy Kniep	Jeanne & Robert Wessman; Paul LeBreton, Blanche & Evangeline Kniep
Judy Knowlton	Douglas A. Knowlton, Donna Knowlton
Ron Kolanowski	Mel & Helen Hiltabidel, Art & Helen Kolanowski, Lori Kolanowski, Art Engler, Sr.
Steve Konopka	The Konopka Family
The Kraemer family	Robert Bork

Daniel & Patricia Larson	Bishop Morgan Porteus, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Porteus Middlemass
Mary Latour	Richard T. Hagenow
Cathie & Ray Litwin	Gene Baker
John Loge	Frances Jean Loge, Beverly Jane Sandefur, Judith Marion Gray, Stuart Edgar Power
Lynda Majewski	Paul Louis Arruda
Darlene McDonald & Deb Wilson	David & Velma McDonald, Charleen McDonald, Larry McDonald; John & Anita Wilson
Barbara & Steve Mondrach	Robert & MaryAnn Siegle; Steve & EmmyLou Mondrach
Marianne Moore	Nelson, Kenneth, Maitland Moore & Don Savino
The Myers Family	P. Hamilton & Ruth Myers; Tom & Martha Bombaci
Liz & Alex Nelson	Alison Nelson
The O'Shea Family	Jean & Ray Baldwin, Carbery & Genevieve O'Shea, Genevieve Alexander, L Fletcher, Christine Morrison, Sean O'Shea, Juanita & Jack Alden

The Osmond Family	Cleo & Doris Wandling, John & Mildred Osmond, John B. Osmond, John C. Osmond
John & Susan Ostrout	Elmer H. Ostrout, Sr., Dorothy R. Ostrout, William Murray, Shirley Murray, Edward Murray
Barbara Parkyn	Family and friends
Steve Platz	Judy, Ed & Linda Platz Henry & Evelyn Dickinson
Chris & Chad Raasumaa-Boots	Our grandparents
Kim & Brian Reed	G. Earl & Merle N. Porter; Kyle P. Buttice
Fran & Lino Rodegher	Sandra & Carmela Guglielmi, Lino, Livio & Gianfranco Rodegher
Amy Stone	Family Friends & Pets
Lianie Unterzuber	Anastasios Philippou, Dee Urban, Mary Jo Keenan
John Viklinetz	Helen Viklinetz
Stephen Wells	Carol A. Wells
Stephanie Wheeler	Russell Wheeler, Jr.; Joyce Leombruno