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."]

The Psalm Psalm 30 Exaltabo te, Domine 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 restored 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."
- 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,
- "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon 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.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Said together:

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.

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.

<u>Hymn</u> Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless H 343

Gospel Lesson 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."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People IV
We pray together as the people of God

BCP 388

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory When You Break the Bread Schram

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

All praise, O risen Lord,

We give to Thee who dead, again dost live

To God the Father equal praise

And God the Holy Ghost we raise From Hymn 193 vs. 5

Eucharistic Prayer "C"

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem

Sanctus

BCP 369

Words in BCP, Musical Setting is H-S130 Traditional version, found on BCP 364 H-S153

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed	H 323
Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain	H 204
Come away to the skies, my beloved	H 213

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim H 535 Hymn

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: Thanks be to God!

The Altar Flowers are given today by Terry Whittington in loving memory of his parents, Terry E. and Thelma Kelly Whittington.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Jennifer and Emma Slater. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

Last Sunday Attendance

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Will Puckett Acolyte Chris Justice David Kersev Teresa Paine Lectors Chris Justice Teresa Paine Chalicists Altar Guild Betty Nash Chris Justice Elizabeth Clement Emma Slater

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Kerrigan Farmer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Debbie Wells, Michelle Parks, Debbie Faber, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield, Margaret Westfall, Paul Anderson, Shelby Hawthorne, Deane Family, Donna Fortune, Eddie Perkins, Deanna Edwards, Elizabeth Kane, Carrington Mikels, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family.

Calendar of Events

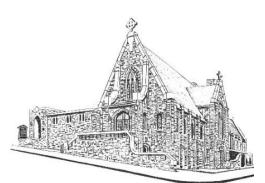
Sunday – May 12	Mother's Day
	Bagging groceries after church
Tuesday – May 14	DOK meeting Hobson Library 10:30am
Wednesday – May 15	Men's Dinner 6:00pm
	Vestry Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday – May 16	Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am

Announcements:

Food Pantry Needs: We are collecting personal care items for the Food Pantry thru May 16th. We really need: Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Soap, Deodorant, and Shampoo! Thanks! CPC Boxes: Our CPC collection will be received during the month of May. Boxes and other information are located on the usher's table in the narthex for anyone who would like to participate.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater Rector Parish Administrator Ms. Emma Bennett Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton Mrs. Becky Beckett Senior Warden Mr. Tom Coughlan Junior Warden



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May 5, 2019 The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

<u>Hymn</u>	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!	H 460
The Serv	vice Begins	BCP 355

The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP

The Collect

Gloria in Excelsis

Our collective prayer for the day.

H-S 280

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.