

Third Sunday of Easter

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

People Amen.

Celebrant The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People And also with you.

(On major feasts, the Celebrant may introduce the service with a sentence of praise or a seasonal anthem.)

2. Penitential Act

Celebrant Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to enter these holy mysteries.

(Silence is kept.)

All

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour, 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 neighbours as ourselves. We humbly repent and seek your forgiveness. Renew us, strengthen us, and guide us to walk in your ways and delight in your will, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

People Amen.

(A Kyrie or Trisagion may be sung or said.)

3. Gloria in Excelsis

Omitted in Advent and Lent; a hymn of praise may replace it on weekdays.

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.

4. Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

(Proper Collect is prayed; people respond "Amen.")

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
who revealed the risen Lord to the disciples in the breaking of the bread,
open the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know him in Word and Sacrament,
walk with him in the path of justice and mercy,
and bear witness to the good news of life renewed.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

1. First Reading

Reader: 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."

(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.")

At its conclusion:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30

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." 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 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 sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Psalm 30

2. Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the Revelation to John (Rev 1:4-8).

Then 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.

At its conclusion:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

3. Gospel Acclamation

(All stand.)

People: *Alleluia, alleluia!*

Celebrant: *Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us while you speak.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia!*

4. Gospel

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: ✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Jn 20:19-31).

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

(A brief moment of silent reflection follows.)

5. Homily

6. The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith.

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: was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of 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], who with the Father and the Son 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.

7. Prayers of the People

Celebrant/Deacon *Let us place before God the needs of the Church and the world, saying, **Lord, in your mercy.***

I. The Church

Leader *For the holy catholic Church of Christ: for **Brandon, our Presiding Bishop; N.N., our diocesan bishop;** and for all who serve God's people, that we may proclaim the Gospel with clarity and love.*

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

II. Our Country and Its Leaders

Leader *For the United States, for N.N., **our President; N.N., our Governor;** and for all elected and appointed officials. Grant them wisdom, justice, and compassion, that our common life may reflect your kingdom.*

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

III. The Welfare of the World

Leader *For peace among nations and the safety of all people; for those who suffer from war, persecution, or natural disaster; and for refugees and the displaced.*

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

IV. Those in Need

Leader *For the poor, the sick, and all who suffer, especially **[names]** ✠; that they may find comfort and hope.*

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

V. The Departed

Leader *For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially **[names]**; that they may rest in light and peace.*

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant *Almighty God, hear the prayers of your people and grant that what we have asked faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

People

Amen.

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8. The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Ministers and people share an appropriate sign of Christ's peace.

Liturgy of the Eucharist – Form I

Holy Catholic Church of the Gospels (HCCoG)

Form I is the principal Eucharistic rite for Sundays and Solemnities. Language is inclusive; traditional Trinitarian formulas are retained.

1. Preparation of the Gifts

The deacon or servers prepare the altar. Bread, wine, and alms are brought forward.

Celebrant (at the altar, elevating the paten)

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. *It will become for us the Bread of Life.*

People Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant (elevating the chalice)

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. *It will become our Spiritual Drink.*

People Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant (to the people)

Pray, therefore, that this our offering may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People - May this our offering, made through Christ's holy Church, be pleasing in the sight of God and bring us to eternal life.

2. Eucharistic Dialogue (Sursum Corda)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

Therefore, we praise you joining our voices together with angels and archangels, and with all the hosts and saints of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the righteous glory of your name

3. Sanctus

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people may kneel or stand.)

4. Eucharistic Prayer I (Ordinary Form)

Celebrant (hands extended over the gifts)

You are indeed holy, O Lord,

and all you have created rightly gives you praise; ✠

for through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and make them holy, ✠
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting ✠
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:

send your Spirit upon these gifts, ✠ and make them holy,
that they may become for us the Body ✠ and Blood ✠
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

Sanctify us also, ✠

that we who share in this Bread and Cup
may be one body and one spirit in Christ.

(Institution Narrative)

On the night he was handed over to death,

Jesus took bread, and giving thanks, he broke it,
gave it to his disciples and said:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

(Elevate host. Bow.)

In the same way, after supper,

he took the cup; again he gave you thanks,
gave it to his disciples and said:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

(Elevate chalice. Bow.)

Celebrant: Therefore we recite The mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever. Amen

People (sung or said): Amen.

5. Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Rite

Celebrant (breaking the host) Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All 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.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant (elevating the host) Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

People Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Act of Spiritual Communion *(for those worshipping remotely or otherwise unable to receive physically)*

Celebrant (or Lay Leader) Dear friends, though we are separated by circumstance, the Lord who unites us is not bound by distance or time. Let us join our desire to this holy Table and pray for a communion of hearts.

All Lord Jesus Christ, true Bread come down from heaven, I believe that you are present in this Sacrament of your Body and Blood. I love you above all things, and I long to receive you. Since I cannot share this bread and cup today, come and dwell spiritually in my heart. Strengthened by your grace, keep me faithful until that day when, face to face, I feast with you and all your people in the kingdom where you live and reign forever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have fed us with the sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son. 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.

People Amen.

6. Concluding Rite

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant May almighty God bless you, the Father ✠, and the Son ✠, and the Holy Spirit ✠.

People Amen.

Deacon/Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.