# The Holy Eucharist Third Sunday of Easter

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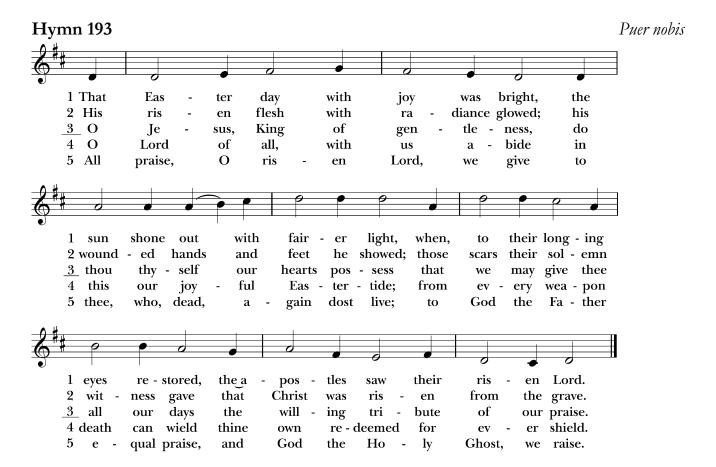


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## Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J. S. Bach Panis Angelicus, Cesar Franck

The prelude offers the opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Please help keep the church a quiet and worshipful space during the prelude.



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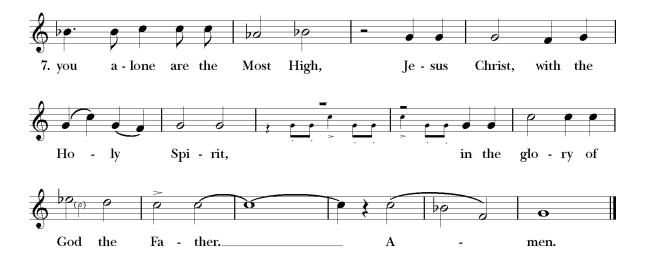
#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 





Celebrant People God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.** 

The people are seated.

Anthem (St. Cecilia Choir)

Alleluia, W. A. Mozart

# A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

9:1-6

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 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.

# 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 20:19-31

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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Emily Mellott

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 incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.

# Prayers of the People

The prayers of the people for this Sunday were written by our first graders, in honor of their Communion Celebration today.

Thank you, God, for our church, where we come to celebrate Jesus and eat food. Please help us learn about you and make good friendships here, and help us stay on your side, God, and not the devil's. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

We pray for our country, and for the President and Governor and all the people who are in our government. Please help them pick the right choices and do a good job being in charge. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

Thank you for our schools. Please help us learn, and make sure kids don't run in the hallway and get in trouble, and make sure we don't get hurt at recess. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

Thank you for our families, at home and at church. Thank you for parents and children. Please give us more screen time – but not more than is good for us, and help kids and grownups to not have tantrums. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

Thank you for firefighters and ambulances, for police and FBI and the good spies and everyone who helps keep us safe. Please help them be good at their jobs. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

We pray for everyone who is sick or hurt. Please make sure they have medicine and bandaids and casts and eye patches and wheelchairs and whatever else will help them get around and be comfortable. Please help them have good care from moms and dads and doctors and nurses and hospitals and surgeons, and please help us take care of people when they are sick or hurt. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

Please help the people who are sad or mad when someone they love dies; please be with them and take care of them. Please help all the people who have died go to heaven and have fun and eat good food and feel better and be close to you. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

Thank you for birds and bugs and porcupines and turtles and horses and all the animals. Thank you for ipads and Bob the Builder, and for baseball and soccer and wrestling and for all the sports. Thank you for spaghetti and bananas and picnics, and for coca cola and tacos. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

Thank you for Jesus giving up his life, and for making us our own selves. Let the people say, **Amen.** 

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

In the Easter season, the Confession is omitted in celebration of our freedom from the bondage of sin brought about through Christ's resurrection.

# **Exchange of Peace**

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements may be made about matters of interest to the congregation

## The Welcoming of Children to Communion

Luke Bulboff \* Andrew Penn Field \* Emmaline Adele Kehley Landon Neitzel \* Rebecca Sherlock

At 8 a.m. there is a collection plate near the entrance to make your weekly gift or regular pledge offering.

At 10 a.m., a collection of financial gifts for the work of the church is received during the singing of the anthem.

Or, at either service, scan the QR code to make a gift electronically.



### Offertory Anthem

Laudate Jehovam, omnes gentes, Georg Philipp Telemann

Laudate Jehovam omnes gentes! Laudibus efferte, omnes populi! Quia valida facta est super nos misericordia ejus, et veritas Domini in aeternum. Alleluia! Praise the Lord, all you nations, Laud him, all you peoples. For great is his loving-kindness toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Alleluia!

## Hymn at the Presentation

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3 (said at 8:00 a.m., sung at 10:00 a.m.)

From Enriching Our Worship



All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:



#### The Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

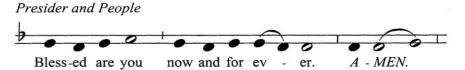
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise.



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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done

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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then says
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant invites the people to communion, saying The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Those worshipping remotely may offer a prayer for "spiritual communion", printed below.

## A prayer for Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

(From Saint Augustine's Prayer Book, rev 2014., based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

#### Music at Communion:

## Voluntary

Adagio, from "Chorale in A Minor", César Franck

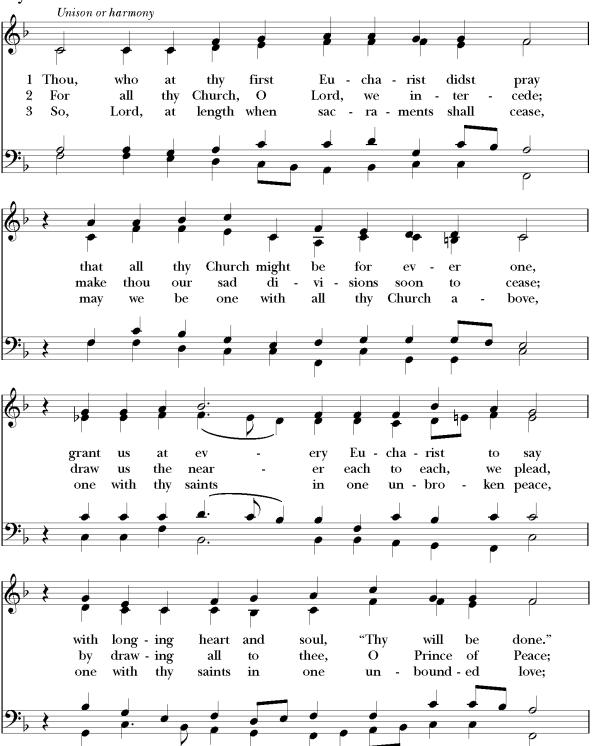


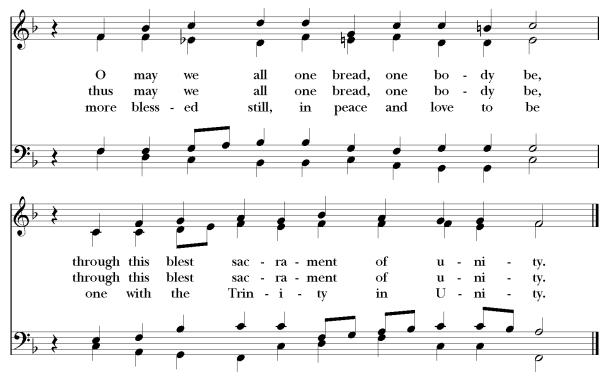
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Hymn 315 Song 1





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## Post communion prayer

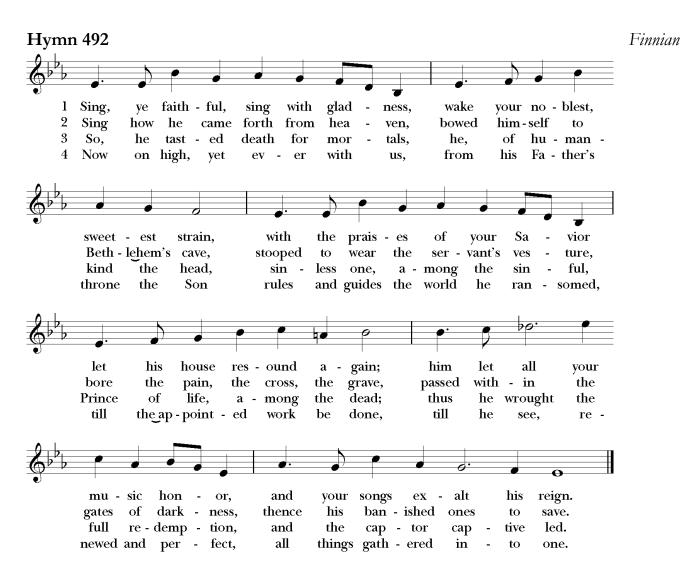
from Enriching Our Worship

# God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

# Blessing

The priest offers a blessing, and the people respond. Amen.



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#### The Dismissal

The people are dismissed to go forth into the world.

People Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, alleluia.]

**Postlude** 

Allegro Moderato, from "Sonata No. 2", Felix Mendelssohn



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