

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2010

8:00 am

HOLY EUCHARIST - Rite I

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation *(standing)*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

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

Christ our Passover

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Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven,
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *
death hath no more dominion over him.
For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death, *
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And with thy spirit.***
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Leader: Great Provider, we thank you for life, love, hope, and joy; blessings too numerous to count, and too great to measure. ***We give you thanks and praise, O God.***

(Pause)

Leader: With faith in the Resurrection, we pray to you Great Creator, Blessed Savior, Giver of Grace.

(Pause)

Leader: Enliven our faith, Lord Christ, that all may know the wonder of your love, and live in the power of your resurrection. ***Amen.***

The Peace

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

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Welcome & Announcements

The Offertory

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And with thy spirit.***
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People : ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***
Celebrant : Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: ***It is meet and right so to do.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues:

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ***Amen.***

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

The Altar flowers are given this morning to the Glory of God in loving memory of Sing Lew by Mel & Sharon Lew.

Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

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First Reading

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: The Word of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 30

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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.

Second Reading

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: The Word of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel

John 21:1-19

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: ***Glory be to thee, 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 be to thee, O Christ.***

The Sermon

Mr. Peter Doddema, Seminarian

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.*
With the Father and the Son he 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.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader: With faith in the Resurrection and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ, let us pray.
(Pause)

Leader: Gracious God, we pray for your Church. Fill us with Easter faith. Make us one. Give us new life. ***Help us proclaim the Good News to all people.***
(Pause)

Leader: Risen Savior, we pray for your world. Heal us. Direct us. ***Help us establish justice and peace for everyone.***
(Pause)

Leader: Good Shepherd, we pray for the earth, for all living creatures, for the great beauty of your creation. Help us cherish and preserve what you have made for all generations. ***Make us good stewards.***
(Pause)

Leader: Spirit of Christ, we pray for all who suffer from injury, disease, poverty, human tumult, and natural disasters. Make us quick to respond, compassionate, and generous. ***Help us relieve the suffering of your people.***
(Pause)

Leader: Spirit of God, we remember loved ones who have died, and pray for those who are dying now. Ease our passage from this life into everlasting life. Reunite us with the saints. Wipe away our tears. ***Raise us up to sing your praises for ever.***
(Pause)

Leader: Blessed Redeemer, we pray for ourselves. In all times, places, and circumstances, ***help us to be like you, Lord Christ.***
(Pause)