

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF

EASTER

*Welcome to our home!
We would love for you
to join our family!*

MAY 4, 2025

We Gather for Worship

Opening Hymn: #343

Shepherd of souls

Please stand & sing as you are able.

Opening Sentence

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Officiant: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Officiant: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Invitatory

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Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: O 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!**

Easter Antiphon

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Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover

(Pascha nostrum)

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1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

People: **therefore let us keep the feast,**

Officiant: Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

People: **but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

Officiant: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

People: **death no longer has dominion over him.**

Officiant: The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

People: **but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

Officiant: So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

People: **and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

Officiant: Christ has been raised from the dead, *

People: **the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

Officiant: For since by a man came death, *

People: **by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

Officiant: For as in Adam all die, *

People: **so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Easter Antiphon

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Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Psalm 30

Read responsively by half verse.

Reader 1: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up

People: **and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

Reader 1: O Lord my God, I cried out to you,

People: **and you restored me to health.**

Reader 1: You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;

People: **you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

Reader 1: Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;
People: **give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

Reader 1: For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
People: **his favor for a lifetime.**

Reader 1: Weeping may spend the night,
People: **but joy comes in the morning.**

Reader 1: While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed."
People: **You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."**

Reader 1: Then you hid your face,
People: **and I was filled with fear.**

Reader 1: I cried to you, O Lord;
People: **I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**

Reader 1: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?
People: **will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Reader 1: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
People: **O Lord, be my helper."**

Reader 1: You have turned my wailing into dancing;
People: **you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Reader 1: Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
People: **O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-6

Please be seated

Reader 1: 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb: Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

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In Unison

All: **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.**

Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

Reader 2: A reading from the Revelation to John.

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.**

Sequence Hymn: #493

***O for a thousand tongues to sing
(v. 1-3 before, v. 4-6 after Gospel)***

Please stand and sing.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Please remain standing as you are able.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily: Alex Wilson

Please be seated.

Apostles' Creed

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Please stand as you are able.

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.

We Pray

Lord's Prayer

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: **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.**

Suffrages: Set A

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Please be seated

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;
People: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: 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.**

Collect for Sundays

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Officiant: 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.**

Collect for the Renewal of Life

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Officiant: 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.**

Collect for Peace

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Officiant: 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.**

Collect for Grace

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Officiant: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Guidance

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Officiant: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the Parish and Search Process

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Officiant: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind, especially as we go through our search process. Guide us to the priest that you want us to have; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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Please kneel, sit, or stand.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, especially...

People: **St. Augustine’s, Oklahoma City; St. Michael’s, Norman; Diocese of Mississippi; Diocese of North Carolina; Diocese of South Carolina; The Church of Ireland.**

Reader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, especially...

People: **Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Katherine and B.J., our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.** *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially our leaders...

People: **Donald, our President; J.D., our Vice-President; Josh, our Congressman; James and Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Patrick, our Mayor.**

Reader: That we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially...

People: **James, Ched, and William.**

Reader: And grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially...

People: **Ronnie, Nancy, Catheryne, Paula, Ched, Falling family, Joe, Connie, Dorothy, Marlene, Larry, Ron, Tony, Kelli, Cedric, Ricky, Sharon, Brent, Robert, Renee, those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

Reader: Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, *(especially...)* that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers *BCP Page 830*

Please be seated.

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

For a Birthday / Anniversary

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Officiant: Let us pray. O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: #492

Sing ye faithful

Remain seated.

Doxology: #380 v. 3

Please stand and sing as you are able.

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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All: **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.**

Closing Hymn: #460

Alleluia sing to Jesus

Please stand and sing.

Sending

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Officiant: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

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

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20-21



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