

The Third Sunday of Easter

SOLEMN MASS

1 MAY 2022

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Saint John's Church, Mobile

Welcome to Saint John's. Since its founding in 1853 Saint John's has been an Episcopal parish church in the heart of Mobile. From our beginning worship has been central to our common life. Originally located ten streets West of Christ Church, Saint John's moved to its current location in 1956, to what was then nearly at the city limits. If you are interested in learning more about Saint John's or becoming a member of our parish community, please speak with one of the clergy or call the parish office at (251) 479-5474. Saint John's can be found on the Internet at www.stjohnsmobile.org.

About the Mass

The Church celebrates the resurrection with a feast of fifty days. On Fridays in Eastertide special acts of discipline and self-denial commemorating the crucifixion of the Lord are not practiced. "Alleluia" is sung repeatedly during our liturgies. The Paschal Candle burns throughout Eastertide.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

are given by
Ron Waites
to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Donna Waites

Prelude

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Song

All stand as the organ begins the introduction to the entrance hymn. The Congregation sings the hymn as the choir and ministers of the assembly move to the chancel.

Hymn 188

Savannah

Love's redeeming work is done

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Congregation sings Pascha nostrum.

Hymn S47

William Henry Walter (1825-1893)

Christ our Passover

The people remain standing for the Collect of the Day.

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lessons

The People are seated.

The first Lesson, Acts 9:1-6(7-20), is now read

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about

him. ⁴ And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting; ⁶ but rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul arose from the ground; and when his eyes were opened, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for a man of Tarsus named Saul; for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to thy saints at Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon thy name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; ¹⁶ for I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came, has sent me that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized, ¹⁹ and took food and was strengthened. For several days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And in the synagogues immediately he proclaimed Jesus, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

S 413

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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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.

Second half of chant:

¹³ Therefore my heart sings to you without **ceasing**; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for **ever**.

The second lesson, Revelation 5:11-14, is now read

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all therein, saying, “To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!” ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

All Stand. The Cantor intones the Alleluia and the people repeat it. The Cantor sings the versicle, after which the people sing the Alleluia.



Cantor Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

The Minister proclaims the Gospel, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Minister ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.



People Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.

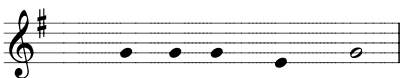
The appointed Gospel, John 21:1-19, is now proclaimed.

Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,

Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ 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. ⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net on 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, for the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ 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." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ 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." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved 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. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, "Follow me."

After the Gospel, the Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

The people stand as the Celebrant stands and all join in saying:

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.
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

All remain standing. A minister bids the prayers of the assembly. At the end of each petition the people say, "Hear our prayer." The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

The Congregation is seated for the Offertory.

Offertory

Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

The Congregation stands and sings the Presentation Hymn while the ushers bring forward the people's gifts of bread, wine and money.

Hymn 644

St Peter

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

The Great Thanksgiving

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Congregation sings Sanctus and Benedictus.

Hymn S128

Mathias

Holy, holy, holy Lord

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

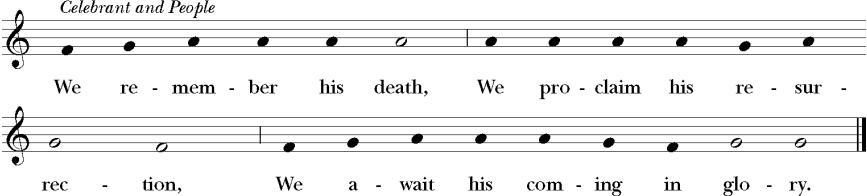
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the

fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN**

The Celebrant sings

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

All join in singing The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymn S165

Mathias

Jesus, Lamb of God

The Invitation

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.

WE ARE ALL INVITED TO THE LORD'S TABLE

IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, all baptized persons are invited to receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who receive Holy Communion in their own churches are invited to share in receiving the Body and Blood of Our Lord.

Persons who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing.

At the conclusion of the distribution of communion, the Congregation remains seated and sings the Communion Hymn.

Hymn 306

Sursum Corda

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Postcommunion Prayer

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The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

The Celebrant blesses the People. The People respond

Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

The Congregation may be seated for the announcements. At the invitation of the Celebrant, the people stand and sing the Retiring Processional Hymn

Hymn 401

Leoni

The God of Abram praise

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the assembly, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Greeters..... Connie McLean
First Lesson LectorBr Jacob Taylor
Second Lesson Lector..... Nikki Shaw
Intercessor David Thompson
Lay Eucharistic MinistersConnie McLean & Br Jacob Taylor
Altar Guild..... Lee Dorsey & Kristen Turner
Vestry Tellers.....Butch Yeager & Connie McLean

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our sisters and brothers Mitchell Schlegel, Neva Bache,
Irene Yeager, Carolyn Pearce, Ashley Garris, Jerry Fulford,
James Christiansen, Audrey Garner, Joyce Lee, Jayson Chestang.

Our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us: Howard Yeager,
Marian Boykin, Bob Ross, Ron & Marie Brown, Budd McLean,
Mary Catherine Warren.

Our family and friends: Bob Sheffield, Marion Hudson,
Steve Wood, Carla Peacock, Carol Unsworth, Susan Hansen,
Billy Taylor, Bill Cutts, Pam Garner, Karl Gieseler,
Keith Matthews, Randy Dunn, Sharon Lee Nolan,
Willie Douglas, Gail Savage, Daniel Day, Shirley Cochran,
Peggy Sheffield, Cliff Federle, Helen Guthrie, Eddie Hun,
Katelynn Tillman, Karen Twilley, Nancy Payne, Donna Pigg,
Tiffany Matthews, Betty Williams, Latecia Cushion Knight,
Bonnie Jernigan, Britney Butler, Neal Tourné, Sandy Michel,
Connor Crist, Paul Nelson, Tricia Spencer(*deacon*),
Stephen Campbell(*priest*), Andrew St. John(*bishop*)

Our sisters and brothers serving in the Armed Forces:

Nicholas Boykin, Joshua Maddox, Ryan Hurt,
Jacob Hester-Heard, Marcus Rich, Ross Hussmann, Ellis Garner,
Eric Mattoon.

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

47 24 April, The Second Sunday of Easter

OFFERINGS RECEIVED:

Week of 24 April

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN’S:

Today	10:00 AM	Sung Mass: Third Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall
	11:30 AM	Outreach Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer: Fourth Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall
	11:30 AM	Vestry Meeting in the Parlor

The church office is staffed from 9:00AM until 2:00PM, Tuesday and Wednesday. Outside of office hours or in an emergency, please call the Senior Warden at 251-709-2343. The office@stjohnsmobile.org email account will be checked regularly.

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