

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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## The Collect of the Day

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 forever.

*Amen.*

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:1-19

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Now as he journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him. <sup>4</sup> And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting; <sup>6</sup> but rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup> 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." <sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to thy saints at Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here

he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon thy name." <sup>15</sup> 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; <sup>16</sup> for I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> 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." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and took food and was strengthened. For several days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

### **Psalm 33:1-11**

*Exultate, justi*

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; \*  
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right, \*  
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, \*

and the designs of his heart from age to age..

## **A Reading from the Book of Revelation 5:6-14**

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth; <sup>7</sup> and he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints; <sup>9</sup> and they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy art thou to take the scroll and to open its seals, for thou wast slain and by thy blood didst ransom men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> and hast made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on earth." <sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> 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!" <sup>13</sup> 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!" <sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John 21:1-14**

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on

the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.