



The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge  
Kevin Anderson, Music Director

## The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025  
Holy Eucharist Rite II

PRELUDE |

PROCESSIONAL | *Paderborn* Ye servants of God, your Master  
HYMN | proclaim

Hymnal 535

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: *Alleluia.* Christ is risen.

**People:** **The Lord 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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

*Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON | Acts 9:1-6; 7-20

Lector: 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."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM | Psalm 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

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.

**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.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT | Revelation 5:11-14

Lector: 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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

SEQUENCE HYMN | *St. Agnes* Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Hymnal 343

THE GOSPEL | John 21:1-9

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated for the sermon.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Bob Farrow

*All stand.*

THE 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Third Sunday of Easter

from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People*  
for the Revised Common Lectionary

*Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

Father of all creation, in glory and wonder we lift our voices, beseeching you to hear and respond as we say, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Infuse in your church urgency for the mission of love and reconciliation, that the world's divisions may be healed. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Spread your wisdom to leaders of the nations, open their eyes to the power of grace and mercy for the thriving of their people. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Grant to this congregation the peace of Christ, that we may, with courage and boldness, be the heart, hands, and lips of Jesus to our neighbors. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Restore the full glory of nature and cure us of the impulses that lead to degradation, so that we and all future generations may live sustainably in your creation. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Let your healing power be present in the lives of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Especially we lift up Mike, Edward, Martha Sue, and Asa. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Keep those who have died in your loving embrace and bring us at the end of our lives into that place of glory and joy where we may be reunited with those who have gone before. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

Glorious God, you have shown us the power of your love in the resurrection of Jesus; hold us fast within that love, keep us forever in your glory and be ever present to us.



We lift these prayers in the confidence of the promises of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Together*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

**People: And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

### **May Birthdays:**

Gene Wells  
Grace Johnson  
Martha Dimon  
Andy Butzon  
Rose Brent  
Shanti Patel

### **May Anniversaries:**

Graham & Marci Horne  
Kin and Beth Brown

## THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN | Revive us again

See handout

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*Please stand as you are able for the presentation of the offering.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

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 Holy Eucharist II

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Holy, holy, holy Lord

*Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Together*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. AMEN.

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,**

**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*.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM | Hymnal S 164

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The Holy Eucharist

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God     *Agnus Dei*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of the musical score for the Fraction Anthem. It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." are written below the notes.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line of the musical score. It continues the melody from the first line. The lyrics "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." are written below the notes.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third line of the musical score. The melody continues. The lyrics "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:" are written below the notes.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth line of the musical score. The melody concludes with a final cadence. The lyrics "give us your peace, give us your peace." are written below the notes.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant:  
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*  
*After taking communion, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the front of the church for special prayer and blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMN		More love to thee, O Christ	Performed by Kevin Anderson
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BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

RECESSIONAL		<i>Hyfrydol</i> Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	Hymnal 460 vv. 1-4
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DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

*St. Nicholas' Mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.*

*Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.*

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Mike Sawyer, Edward Martin, Martha Sue Blythe, and Asa Garris. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon and Jewell Wells.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

Please send all prayer requests to [pastoralcare@stnicholashamilton.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stnicholashamilton.org).

## VESTRY

Rose Brent, *Senior Warden*

Martha Dimon, *Junior Warden*

Carolyn Cox, Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry

Alex Garrett, Clerk of the Vestry

Jim Gilliam, Treasurer

## MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: Chris Butzon

Eucharistic Minister: Drucye Cox

Ushers:

Virtual Minister: William Morgan & Steve Morse

Crucifer: Shanti Patel

Flowers: Suzy Eidson

**Today is the first Sunday of the month!** The plate offering will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, through which we share the love of Christ in our community by providing small grants of assistance with utilities and rents to our neighbors in need.

## UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

### Spring Treats

Let's continue the Easter season post-service fellowship time with cookies and lemonade on non-brunch Sundays, to give us a few minutes after the service to just enjoy each other's company. If you'd like to bring a simple treat one Sunday, a sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

**\*\*\* No First Sunday Brunch in May – See you at the game! \*\*\***

### Book Club Selects Kingsolver's *Flight Behavior* for May

In 2004 Barbara Kingsolver moved from Tucson, where she had lived since 1978, and returned to southern Appalachia, the setting of several recent notable books, including *Flight Behavior*, the book club's selection for its next meeting. Book Club will meet May 7 after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

### Episcopal Day at Synovus Park – May 4!



The Chattahoochee Valley Convocation has arranged to celebrate Episcopal Day at Synovus Park on **Sunday, May 4** as the Clingstones take on the Biloxi Shuckers. Game time is 1:05 pm, so you can head over to the park right after worship. Lunch will be available for purchase at concession stands. Seats in sections 212 and 213, are reserved for us; if we fill up those seats, there will still be plenty of general admission seats available. The cost of tickets is \$10 each, plus some handling fees. You can purchase directly

through this link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Episcopalchurches2>. Wear your Episcopal or church t-shirts or other swag so we can show the world how much fun Episcopalians have together.