

The Acts of the Apostles

9:1-6, 7-20

In his eagerness to serve God by eliminating this "threat" to Judaism, Saul gets it all wrong! Has that ever happened to us?

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."

Psalm 30

Charles Villiers Stanford

Praising God is always appropriate; it seems especially heartfelt here!

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.

The Book of Revelation

5:11-14

Singing and praising the Lord characterizes the Book of Revelation.

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.

Gradual Hymn 447

St. Magnus

Gospel Acclamation: Hymnal Antiphon of Hymn 203

O filii et filiae

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to John **21:1-19**
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Resurrection, the disciples resumed their normal lives, assuming that the memory of Jesus would have to be enough. They certainly did not expect to encounter him in their daily rounds. Do we?

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.

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

The Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

A Time of Silent Reflection

The Creed

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The Prayers of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

For Ian, and Laura, our Bishops, for Heidi, our Rector, and for all lay and ordained ministers and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those on our parish cycle of prayer, Garrett Richardson and Biz Rogers and for their families, and for all who live and work in our communities, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, all who suffer and those who have asked for our prayers (*we read from the book and leave time for people to add names;*) for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church (*we read from the book and leave time for people to add names,*) and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all the blessings of our lives especially all we lift up in prayer at this time, particularly all doctors, nurses, therapists and other medical workers who offer their time and skills for the betterment of the health of people around the world. (*We leave time to give thanks.*) Give us grateful hearts, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

The Peace and the Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 191 *Lux eoi*

Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3 *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B **pg. 367**

Holy, Holy, Holy *see insert* Gevert Apr. 2019

Please stand or kneel as you prefer

The Lord's Prayer **pg. 364**

Fraction Anthem *see insert* Gevert Apr. 2019

Communion Hymn 213 *Middlebury*

Communion Hymn 328 *Song 46*

Postcommunion Prayer

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 205 *Gelobt sei Gott*

Postlude Gevert

Let us greet friends in Walker Hall after the service so that others may enjoy the postlude.

The Trinity Vestry

Carol M. Taylor, Senior Warden
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Bev Becker, Clerk Martha Nesbitt, Assistant Treasurer
Danielle A. Gaherty, Gordon Gustafson, Taylor Neil,
Susanna Schindler, Alice Tweed, Tim Ward

*The altar flowers this morning are given
to the glory of God.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Ministers of Communion: Taylor Neil, Jason Gladding
Ushers: Rob Babcock, Sam Meili
Lector: Jason Gladding
Epistler: TBD
Intercessor: Diane Walters
Counters: Carol M. Taylor, Scott Frost
Hospitality: Team 5—Schindler
Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco
Flowers: Tom Schindler
Young People: Cheryl Duntz, Judith Frost
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Please know that we welcome everyone to come forward to receive Holy Communion, or to receive a blessing. We have gluten free wafers as well as wheat, and we have a chalice of blessed grape juice as well as wine. We welcome you to God's table.

Thurs., May 9 1:30 PM Holy Eucharist at Geer Village

7:00 PM Men's Group (plus ladies!) at Neo Restaurant in Salisbury. Sign up with Keith Nolan

Wed., May 15 11:00 AM Morning Prayer at Noble Horizons

Fri., May 17 5:00-7:00 PM Art Show Opening and Artists' Reception
6:00 PM Crescendo "The Mystical 16" in Great Barrington

Sat., May 18 6:00 PM Crescendo "The Mystical 16" at Trinity

Sun., May 19 10:30 AM Youth Sunday
Noon Vestry Meeting

Sat., May 25 11:00 AM NYCC stops for lunch! Please sign up to help on the Guild Room bulletin board
7:00 PM Misa en Español

Sun., May 26 10:30 AM Guest Preacher, Leo Gafney
1:30-3:30 PM Art Workshop open to all. Call Mary Anne

Tues., May 28 7:00 PM Book Group *Mama's Last Hug*—Franz De Waal

Art Show Dates

Sat., Sun., May 18, 19 Noon—4:00 PM Art Show Open

Sat., Sun., Mon May 25-27 Noon—4:00 PM Art Show Open

Sat., Sun., June 1, 2 Noon—4:00 PM Art Show Open

Sundays 8:45 AM Bible Study Gospel of John

Mon. & Thurs. 7:00 PM Crescendo rehearsal

Wednesdays 8:00 PM AA meeting in Walker Hall

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The Word of God

Let us keep silence as the prelude begins.

Prelude

Gevert

Processional Hymn 212

Richmond

Pastor Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Pastor 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.**

The Gloria: Hymnal S 277 From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

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.