



Christ Episcopal Church
Roxbury, Connecticut

Third Sunday of Easter
1 May 2022, 9:00 AM

Ringing of the Bells

At ten minutes before the hour, the altar candles are lit noting the traditional beginning of silent prayer and preparation for the liturgy, as aided by an organ prelude. Please silence electronic devices.

Prelude *Le Cygne (the Swan)* from *Le Carnaval des Animaux* of Camille Saint-Saëns

Welcome *The Rev. Stephen Nagy*

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn *Christ, Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* Hymn 186, vv. 1-2
Tune: *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Celebrant says

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.

GLORIA

FROM MASS FOR CHRIST CHURCH ROXBURY IN F MAJOR
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Glo-ry to God in the hi-gh-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God. Hea-ven-ly King. Al - mi - gh-ty God and
Fa-ther. We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we pra - ise you for your glo-ry! Lord Je - s - us Christ; On-ly s - on of the
Fa-ther. Lord God. Lamb of God. You take a - way the sins of the world have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the
right hand of God: Fa-ther re-ceive our prayer. For you - a - lone are the Ho-ly One. You a - lone are he Lord.
You a - lo-ne are the Most High Je - sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry o - f God the Fa - ther. A - men.
A - men. A - men.

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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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:1-6)

Read by Elaine Curley

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 Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30

Led by Elaine Curley

Please recite antiphonally by whole verse, beginning on the left side of the sanctuary.

- 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.

A Reading from Revelation (5:11-14)

Read by Elaine Curley

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

We Sing the Glorious Conquest Before Damascus' Gate

Hymn 255 vv. 1-2

Tune: *Munich*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (John 21:1-19)

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Galilee; 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."

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Nagy

The Nicene Creed

In unison; please stand as able

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 worshipped 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 (Based on Form VI)

Led by Dona Murphy

Please stand or kneel as able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Gracious God, we pray for those for whom prayers have been requested: Carolyn,
Jennifer, Mary, Meg, Stephen, Lisbet, Alice, Bill, Bronwyn, Deke, Don, Gatot, James, Jeff,
Jim, John, Kevin, Robert, Roger and Ronda, Heather, Dominick and the Kuslis family.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our presiding bishop, Ian and Laura our bishops, Stephen our priest, for all
bishops and other ministers, especially the laity who serve the Gospel in word and deed.
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Please add your own petitions, silently or aloud.

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today and all who are in places where war is present. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *(adapted from the prayer by Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell)*

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Please add your own thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray in particular for Ellie Mae Kuslis, who you now hold in your eternal embrace.

We pray for the over six million people who have died of Covid 19, including over one million in our country. We pray for the safety and well being of our children and your blessing for the medical personnel who desperately need your strength and comfort. We also ask that you bestow great wisdom and skill to researchers who are battling the virus on our behalf.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

In unison

Lord God, hear the prayers on our lips and in our hearts. Help us to let go of all that does not serve you and fill us with the spirit of forgiveness and new birth in the resurrection of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Awaken in us the apostleship of Peter and Paul to joyfully announce your Good News to a needy world. Hasten the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Peace

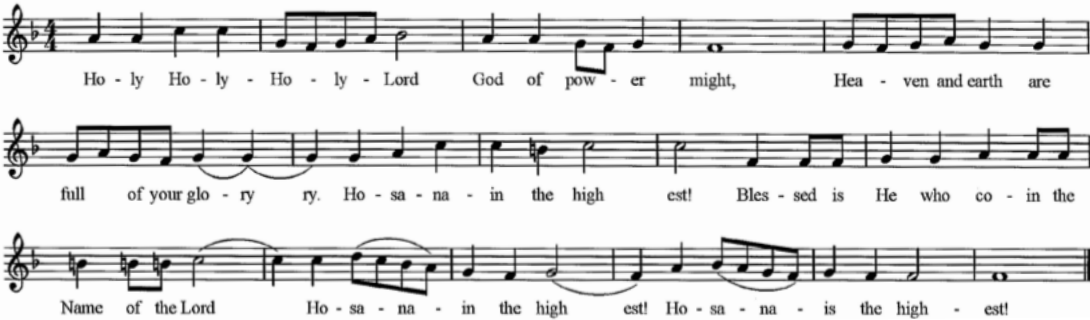
Please stand as able. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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:

Celebrant and People sing together

SANCTUS
FROM MASS FOR CHRIST CHURCH ROXBURY IN F MAJOR
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Ho - ly Ho - ly - Ho - ly - Lord God of pow - er might, Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry ry. Ho - sa - na - in the high est! Bles - sed is He who co - in the
Name of the Lord Ho - sa - na - in the high est! Ho - sa - na - is the high - est!

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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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,**

We await his coming in glory;

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 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. *Amen.*

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

People and Celebrant

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said

**Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM

FROM MASS FOR CHRIST CHURCH ROXBURY IN F MAJOR GREGORY J. CAVA



A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! Christ, our pas-sov-er is saf-ri-fi-ced for us;
there - for le - t us keep the feast. A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

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The ushers will direct you to come forward up the center aisle to receive Communion. Please maintain a safe distance. We have two communion queues. The Lay Minister will offer communion in the form of a kit containing a gluten-free host and wine. The Celebrant will offer communion in the form of a host. Please choose which form you want to receive, and the minister will place it in your hand. Return to your seat by the side aisles. Consume the communion when you return to your seat.

If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Anthem

*There is a Balm in Gilead
African American Spiritual
Gregory J. Cava, solo vox*

After Communion

The Celebrant says

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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hymn 460, vv 1-3

Tune: *Hyfrydol*

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

The Waltz in A Flat Op. 39 No. 15 of Johannes Brahms

Ringling of the Bells



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Announcements

Enjoy **fellowship and coffee** in the Parish Hall after worship. Covid safety please.

Eastertide Reflections: What does it mean to be a 21st century Christian? Let's see what St. Peter has to say. Join us in the church Wednesdays 4 May - 1 June from 6:30-7:30 PM as we explore the **First Letter of Peter**. *There will be dessert! Bring a friend!* You can also join us by Zoom at <https://bit.ly/ChristChurchRoxburyBibleStudy>.

Tag Sale Time! May 14, 9 AM until 3 PM to benefit World Central Kitchen. Have items to donate? Bring them to the Parish Hall on Wednesdays or Fridays from 9AM until Noon, after service on Sundays or contact Anissa Roy at 860-316-8076. **Volunteers are needed.**

Our parish is helping **resettle a refugee family** in the New Milford area. Please contact Judy Martinez if you'd like to help.

Join the **Red Door Welcome Team**. Please reach out to Stephen, Anissa or Stephen.

Want to see your beautiful work every Sunday? Reach out to Barbara, Millie or Meg to learn more about the holy and fun **Altar Guild Ministry**.

Tech Team Ministry: Have ideas for how to improve our website, Facebook page and streaming services? Please reach out to Pastor Stephen.

Thank you to our ministers today

*Organist & Music Director: Mr. Gregory J. Cava
Lay Minister: Dona Murphy Lector: Elaine Curley
Ushers: Anissa Roy, Stephen Durr, Stephen Page
Altar Guild: Barbara Spencer, Millie Snowden, Meg Mongin
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