

**Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022**



Do you Love Me More Than These?

Thought: How often have you said: “My mind is made up!” So, by your thoughts and actions you have closed off any other possibilities or actions that might make things different. In our texts today, Saul breathing threats had his mind made up against “followers of the way.” Peter, even after Jesus had appeared to them said: “I’m going fishing.” His occupation before discipleship, took over. We might call people or even ourselves, “closed minded,” but how is it that the Risen Christ can make a difference in your life?

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Easter Peace

Call to Worship

A: For making us as your creatures,

C: we thank you, our God.

A: For calling us as your servants,

C: we obey you, our Lord.

A: For adopting us as your children,

C: we love you, our Father.

A: For sending us as your disciples,

C: we honor you, our Savior!

Gathering Music – “This Joyful Eastertide” ELW # 391

<https://youtu.be/g6wfZyVbHs8>

This Joyful Eastertide – The Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Invocation

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Loving and merciful God, forgive us, we pray, for being ruled by the powerful appetites and instincts by which we survive in this world.

A time for silence and prayerful reflection

C: Grant us instead the mind and will to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus, through whose resurrection we have life in the world to come. Amen.

P: God who hears your prayer will give you the grace to persevere.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen!

Hymn of Praise – “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” ELW #729
vss. 1-2 &5

<https://youtu.be/zBUAQKGyc5A>

The Church of Christ, in Every Age – James Biery

Prayer of the Day

A: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might.

C: By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Saul still breathing threats against the disciples of the Lord yet, his eyes were opened.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and 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. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul 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. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The 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, ¹²and 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." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But 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; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So 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." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food,

he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”]

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30

You have turned my wailing into dancing.

¹I 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.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, ALL you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.” Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Second Reading – Revelation 5:11-14

Angels singing: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered...”

¹¹Then 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, ¹²singing 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!”

¹³Then 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!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – John 21:1-19

https://youtu.be/A8uvRaoy_xI

Peter says, “I am going fishing.” Yet the Risen Lord comes to change his mind.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord.**

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon 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.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not

know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He 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. ⁷That 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. ⁸But 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.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So 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. ¹²Jesus 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. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶A 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.” ¹⁷He 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. ¹⁸Very 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.” ¹⁹(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. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children of God Time

<https://youtu.be/w6ZrpRnmEGM>

Homily: “My Mind is Made Up!”

Pastor Barnes

<https://youtu.be/98d-jkrdHIo>

Hymn of the Day – “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” ELW #389

https://youtu.be/LEtJvinD8_s

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing – Frodsham Methodist Church Choir

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead,
on the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures.

God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Restore all people who cry to you for help (*especially*). Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you (*and especially the church in . . .*). Sustain them by your faithfulness, and give them strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, as you provided fish for your disciples' breakfast,

C: and inspiration for heavenly anthems,

A: so you have provided us with all that we call ours.

C: We offer back these humble gifts,

A: and with them our praise:

C: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

A: We praise you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

O God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW #471

<https://youtu.be/PzGtbq0zDXU>

Let Us Break Bread Together – Discovery Singers

Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Communion Music

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Your presence, O Christ excites us.

C: This meal, O Savior, nourishes us.

A: Continue to feed our excitement and our encouragement,

C: both here and in the world.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – “On Our Way Rejoicing” ELW # 537

<https://youtu.be/HK8RHLWzTIY>

On Our Way Rejoicing – Daily Hymns

Dismissal

A: With minds and hearts open to your presence, we go to serve.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

