

Year C; Third Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
- Psalm 30
- Revelation 5:11-14
- John 21:1-19

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 30*)

One: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,

All: and give thanks to his holy name.

One: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

All: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

One: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to us!

All: O LORD, be our helper!

One: O LORD, our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

All: Let us worship God!

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Acts 9*)

For some time, Saul, was a persecutor of the church — going to Damascus to arrest even more members of “The Way,” but God used even him as the disciple to the Gentiles. Let us come before the one God — a forgiving God who transforms and uses those who work against his purposes.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (30 seconds)

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Acts 9; John 21*)

Merciful God, despite our confessions in church on Sunday, we can also fail to follow the ways of Jesus throughout our week. We can ridicule sisters and brothers in the faith who do not think like us. We can deny aspects of the faith when it is convenient or comfortable to do so. Forgive our short-sighted faith of convenience and grow us into steadfast believers, trusters, and exercisers of faith in the one crucified, resurrected, and ascended. In his name, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from John 21*)

We worship a God who offers second chances. Some time after the apostle Peter denied his relationship with Jesus three times, Jesus asked him three times if Peter loved him. In response to Peter's affirmative answers, Jesus gave him a threefold call to feed and tend Jesus' sheep. Trust in Jesus' forgiveness, repentance, and call. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*from Revelation 5*)

Loving God, you gave John a glimpse of what we look forward to experiencing one day. He saw many angels, living creatures, and elders praising the Lamb who was slaughtered for our benefit — the Lamb who rightfully received power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. It is to him that we likewise pray be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever. It is in his name and for his purposes that we offer these tithes. Guide our church leaders in investing them wisely. Amen.

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