

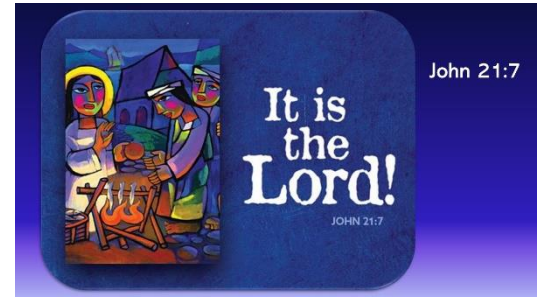
May 4th, 2025

The Readings on This Day

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Third Sunday of Easter

Easter continues. Each year, the gospel on the third Sunday of Easter is a resurrection appearance. This Sunday, Christ appears to Saul on the road as a blinding light, to John the seer as an enthroned Lamb, and to five disciples as a man serving breakfast. Which is your favorite?



Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Saul, forgiven for his previous actions, is called and then baptized to be a follower of Jesus, the Son of God. The early church referred to baptism as enlightenment, for all believers were blind but now can see. Like Saul, we too are filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Psalm for the Day

Having heard the story of Christ's appearance to Saul, we join together in **Psalm 30**. Through these words we can become like Saul, who experiences God's favor. As well, we can rejoice, along with the Christians in Damascus, that God has saved us from our enemies. It's Easter, and we can dance for joy.

Revelation 5:11-14

Believers are invited into the vision of the risen Christ reigning over all things. The vision means to comfort Christians, who know that life includes persecutions, aging, and death, with the apocalyptic message that at the end of time, all evil will be conquered, and everything that exists will worship God.

John 21:1-19

Christ appears to his followers, both the loyal and the disloyal, while they are at work, and like them, we realize his presence especially in the breaking of the bread. The episode of Peter's denial during the passion is better known than this account of Christ's forgiveness and subsequent commissioning of Peter to follow Christ through life and death. "Come and have breakfast, and then follow me," says the risen Christ, to Peter and to us all.