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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – Fourth of Easter Acts 9. 36-43; Psalm 23; John 10. 22-30

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4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Third Sunday of Easter** 

### **Sung Eucharist**

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd Nathanial N Choir Coordinator: Adenubi Babatunde Organist: Professor Michal Novenko

### **Hymns:**

131 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem *Unser Herrscher* 

475 Now the green blade riseth *Noel nouvelet* 

12 Alleluia, sing to Jesus *Hyfrydol* 

752 Will you come and follow me *Kelvingrove* 

#### **COLLECT:**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen** 

### ☐ FIRST READING: Acts 9. 1-20

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 travelling 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.'

#### **□** SECOND READING: Psalm 30

### R: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me. O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

## R: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

## R: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.

While I felt secure, I said, 'I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains.' Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

## R: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.

I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying, 'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.'

## R: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy; Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

R: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.

#### HOLY GOSPEL: John 21. 1-19

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 lake. 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 and 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 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.'

# **Notices & Forthcoming Events**

Following worship this morning, **an Auction** will take place during the Coffee Hour in Klimentska 18.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 18.00 to 20.00 hrs – Bible Study on- 'Christian Creeds'-led by David Hellam. This will be held in the hall on the first floor of Klimentska 18. If the outside door is locked, please press the bell marked Sborový Kancelář & we'll buzz you in!

# Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May Starting at 19:00 Men's Outreach

at Lokal U Bilé Kuželky Míšeňská 12, 110 00 Malá Strana. Please join us for a great fellowship, and real conversations—building faith and brotherhood together!

# Friday 9th May at 19:00 Bi-monthly Online Prayer Meeting

The two carry bags at the back of the church, one for clothing and the other for tinned food, need to be filled in order to help the Salvation Army's work with the homeless in Prague.

St. Clement's Choir: If you wish to join the choir please get in touch with the coordinator -Adenubi Babatunde, by phone- +420 608 172 773 or email- <a href="mailto:choir@anglican.cz">choir@anglican.cz</a>

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