

MAY 1, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER



In Jesus the Lamb, we praise what the world rejected.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 21:1-19	Jesus appears to the disciples
Monday	Acts 9:1-20	Conversion of Saul
Tuesday	Revelation 5:11-14	Heavenly vision
Wednesday	John 1:29-34	Lamb of God
Thursday	Revelation 4:6b-11	Song of praise to the Creator
Friday	Isaiah 53:1-12	What God's servant did for us
Saturday	Psalm 30	God turns mourning into dancing
Sunday	John 10:22-30	Jesus promises life to his sheep

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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!" Revelation 5:13 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, like the disciples by the Sea of Galilee, give us courage and faith to be sent out to follow you and tell the good news of Jesus and his resurrection. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of all things, bless us and strengthen us with this food to go out and shepherd others in love through Christ our Lord, the Lamb who was slain. Alleluia. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lamb who was slain and begins his reign bless you with joy.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Holy, Holy, Holy



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Why is being popular so appealing?
- What influences people to seek riches and power and why do they want it?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Revelation 5:11-14.

The Revelation of John the Seer engages in active resistance to current powers. In John's day, it would have been the Roman Empire that saw itself as godlike and worthy of immortal praise. John upends that view and the powers that are still around us. When we think of words like power, wealth, wisdom, and honor, it is hard not to think in terms of what we see on social media, hear on the radio, and watch on screens. We are regularly given visions of "success" in terms of personal and national victories, not a crucified God. Revelation announces that our only real loyalty is to the cross of Christ and his resurrection. This final New Testament book acknowledges the truth of God's power revealed in Jesus, who is slain like a sacrificed lamb and yet reigns supreme. In this scripture reading we are encouraged to sing and give praise for the eternal blessings, honor, glory, and might of "the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb" (v. 13).

Discuss: Glory and power reside in the Lamb, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In what ways are you reminded of this in your daily life?

Pray: **God of glory and might, refresh our memories with vivid sights and sounds of your eternal love for us and for all creation through Christ, the Lamb who was slain. Amen**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you pray for God's power and strength to help someone you know?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus appeared to the disciples while they were fishing. The fish has been used as a Christian symbol from the earliest days of the church. The Greek word for fish is *ichthus*. In Greek, the letters making up the word form an acrostic for Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior. Early Christians practiced their faith and worshiped secretly in their homes. A fish painted on the door of a house let Christians know that they would be safe and welcome inside. Draw an *ichthus* symbol



to display at the entrance to your home as a sign of your faith in Jesus as your Savior.



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