

The Conversion of St. Paul

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Prelude: Variations on "Lauda Anima" by Christa Rakich

Hymn of Invocation: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 19:1; antiphon: II Timothy 1:12b



I know whom I | have believed, and am per- | suaded*
that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him a- | gainst that Day.
The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God;*
and the firmament showeth His | handiwork.



G Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

I know whom I | have believed, and am per- | suaded*
that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him a- | gainst that Day.

Kyrie - Salutation *p. 186ff*

Collect of the Day

P O Almighty God, who through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul has caused the light of Thy Gospel to shine to the Gentile world, give us grace ever to joy in the saving light of Thy Gospel and to spread it to the uttermost parts of the earth; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Sit

Prophecy

Exodus 3:1-14

In those days: Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. So I have

come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?” And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Galatians 2:8–9a; I Corinthians 15:10b



He that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship was mighty in me toward the | Gentiles: *
and they perceived the grace of God that was given | unto me.
The grace of God bestowed upon me was | not in vain: *
but His grace in me ever a- | bideth.

Epistle

Acts 9:1–22

In those days: Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” So the Lord said to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.” Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority

from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.” And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. Then all who heard were amazed, and said, “Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?” But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia & Verse of the Day

Psalm 19:4a



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. Their line is gone out through | all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.

Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 19:27–30

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: Peter said to Jesus, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 517 By All Your Saints in Warfare *sts. 1, 12, 3*

Sermon

Offering Hymn: 573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **P** let us pray to the Lord: **G** **Lord, have mercy.**

Preface *p. 194*

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Paul, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Sit

Distribution Hymns:

This Is the Feast *LSB p. 155 /*

356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came /

378 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light /

383 A Great and Mighty Wonder /

395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright /

661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War /

578 Thy Strong Word

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Postlude: Fantasia on "Lauda Anima" by Gary Bachlund

Looking Forward to Wednesday (Transfiguration)

Lessons: II Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Hymns: 414-413-477-633/537-417

Looking Forward to Next Sunday (Septuagesima)

Lessons: Daniel 9:2-10, I Corinthians 9:24-10:4, Matthew 20:1-16

Hymns: 909-555-566/693/696/639/716/627-805

Transfiguration will be observed on Wednesday January 28th at 6:30pm

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