

Sunday, April 11, 2010
The Second Sunday of Easter

CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE—LEARNING TO USE OUR POWER FOR NONVIOLENT PERSONAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE Gather with others from the Diocese April 30 – May 2, for this spiritually-based, interactive and experiential training for teens and adults that will prepare you to make a difference in your life, your family, and in the world. Event to take place at the Cathedral in Bethlehem. Cost: \$45 for Episcopalians & Students (scholarships available). To register please contact Candis Siatkowski 610-670-5478, candiss3@comcast.net *Registration Deadline – April 9, 2010 Training sponsored by the Diocesan Peace Commission*

DIOCESAN TRAINING DAY will be Saturday, April 24th at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre. Information is available on the bulletin board near the kitchen or at www.diobeth.org.

OLD PALMS If you have Palms from previous years and would like to 'dispose' of them, please bring them in and place them in the basket in the Parish Hall.

MINISTERS

Celebrant	The Reverend John Major
Organist	Bernard Gardzalla
Lector / Intercessor	David Wright
Eucharistic Minister	Heather Hules
Acolytes	Andrew Hules
Ushers / Oblationers	David Wright, Matt Stretanski
Altar Guild	Sandy Sheehan, Grace Goeringer
Vestry Counter	Matt Stretanski

THE MUSIC

Prelude: *Easter Morn*.....David West

Opening: When In Our Music God Is Glorified #420
Gradual: Alleluia! Give Thanks To The Risen Lord #178

Presentation of Offerings: Doxology #380 vs.3

Communion: *Chorale Prelude on "Christ Is Arisen"...* Dietrich Buxtehude

Post Communion Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Pew Rack) verses 1,2, refrain, 3

Closing Hymn: O Sons And Daughters #206

Postlude: *Toccata on "O Sons & Daughters"...*Lynwood Farnam

THE LECTIONARY

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (*The people sit.*)

The First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29 Confitemini Domino

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

The Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 (*Stand & Face the Gospel*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME We are pleased you have come to worship with us today. If you have any questions about our service, please feel free to speak to an Usher or someone seated near you.

PRAYER LIST Please remember to keep those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit in your prayers this week, especially: *Heather, Jack, Sarah, Matt, Debbie, Hennie, Brian, Hans, Karen, Therese, Matt, Shane, Patti, Justin, Dan, John, Charlie, Dawn, Patrick, Kathleen, Thelma, Bonnie, Specialist Robert Price, Kyle & the Novack Family.*

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL "How often are we like Thomas the doubter? What does it take for us to say, "My Lord and my God"? Part of the steward's life is consciously taking time to read the stories in scripture, to be part of a faith community, and through prayer, to create a one on one relationship with our Savior. Hopefully, then, we will be thankful to call ourselves part of the faithful who "have not seen and yet believe".

FUNDRAISING PLAN Vestry is searching for three or four parishioners to convene as Fund Raising Team to brainstorm possible fundraising ideas capable of generating needed funds to help balance the 2010 budget. The hope is to create a fundraising plan for 2010-2011. Please see Carl Goeringer, Sr. Warden or George Gwilliam, Junior Warden to serve a one year term as part of a team to help the parish in this way.

THE CHURCH THEMED TEA AND REGIFT AUCTION is scheduled for Saturday, May 22. We need hostesses for tables for this fun day of fellowship. Please see Linda Shrader or Bev Cushner if you would be willing to host a table or volunteer in some capacity. We are also looking for regift donations in new or very gently used condition--no rummage please.