

SPCA COLLECTION During the season of Lent we are collecting items for the SPCA. Many things are needed. Towels, animal food, cleaning supplies, office supplies, and batteries are a few of the things they have requested. A detailed Wishlist is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE The Church School will hold their Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale on April 5th. Donations of Bakes Goods are needed and would be greatly appreciated.

EASTER EGG HUNT will be held following the service on Easter Sunday, April 12. Donations, especially of wrapped candy to fit in the eggs, are currently being accepted. Any questions or to help, please see Karen Atkinson.

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA A brand new advertising campaign for the Episcopal Church in NEPA will begin airing on WNEP Channel 16 on the 1st of April. Watch for the commercials and share the good word with your friends and family, while you're at it why not invite them to Prince of Peace!

To My Prince of Peace Family from Ed Dreisbach
 April 5, Palm Sunday, marks exactly one year since coming home after 51 days in four hospitals. It is the first full year I have had at home in three years. During church that morning I shall be thanking God for His blessings. Immediately after church I shall host a brunch in the parish house. Please afford me the honor of your presence at brunch so can thank my PoP family for their cards, phone calls, visits, and especially for their prayers. Thank youEd

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of Almighty God in celebration of Jessica Martin's 9th Birthday.

Ministers

Celebrant / Preacher	The Reverend John Major
Organist	Bernard Gardzalla
Lector / Intercessor	TBA
Eucharistic Ministers	TBA
Acolytes	TBA
Ushers / Oblationers	Terry Martin, David Wright
Altar Guild	Heather Hules, Lisa Kasarda
Vestry Counter	George Gwilliam

Sunday, March 22, 2009

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Music

Prelude

Opening Hymn: *Jerusalem the Golden* # 624

Gradual Hymn: *Jerusalem My Happy Home* #620

Presentation of Offerings: *Doxology* #380 vs.3

Communion Interlude

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

Closing Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #690

Postlude

The Lectionary

The Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons *(The people sit.)*

The First Reading: *Numbers 21:4-9*

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: *Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: *John 3:14-21* (Stand & Face the Gospel)

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL Part of John's Gospel says "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life." When we think about giving and receiving, there is no more unselfish and eternally blessed gift than the one God has given us with "no strings attached" - except the desire to have us return that love to Him and share it with others in our lives.

RESTORE THE GLORY Our campaign is underway to repair and restore the Chancel windows (the ones behind the Altar) which are at risk of falling out from many years of exposure to heat and cold. You should have received information through the mail about this campaign with a request for your support. The "Restore the Glory" Committee members are Father Major, Carl Goeringer, Dave Dillon, Dan Monk, Dan Plashinski & Jennifer Martin.

MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK DINNER will be held on Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN The Church School is collecting pennies & other change for the Season of Lent. Check out our 'Outer Space' Penny Chute in the stairwell! All money raised will be donated through Episcopal Relief & Development.

PRAYER LIST Please remember to keep those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit in your prayers this week, especially: *Bishop Paul, Therese, Heather, Jack, Henry, Sarah, Matt, Debbie, Hennie, Andrea, Brian, Hans, Karen, Len, Father Jim, Grace, Nicole, Lee, David, Maryann & SPF Sean Cappellini-Boyle.*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN The ECW meet on the third Wednesday of each month.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS are due by March 29— NOTE NEW DATE!!! Please take a moment to order yours today. Forms are available in the pews and on the table in the Parish Hall.