

Sunday, March 14, 2010

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

THE MUSIC

Prelude: Piece Heroique.....Cesar Franck

Opening Hymn: Jerusalem, The Golden #624

Gradual Hymn: There's A Wideness In God's Mercy #470

Presentation of Offerings: Doxology #380 vs.3

Communion: Hymn of Nuns...Louis James Alfred Lefebure-Wely

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

Closing Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness LEV #189

Postlude: Trumpet Tune.....Andrew Carter

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: Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Hymn # 556 Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHRISM MASS The annual Chrism Mass is held this year on Thursday, March 25th, at Nativity Cathedral, Bethlehem beginning at 11 AM. The clergy of the diocese gather to renew their ordination vows and the new oils utilized in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Ordination and Anointing of the Sick are blessed and distributed for local use. The entire membership of the diocese is welcome and urged to attend. A luncheon follows. RSVP with your Rector two weeks prior.

SPCA COLLECTION During the season of Lent we are collecting items for the SPCA. A list of suggested donations can be found on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Questions? See Jean Gale.

THE ECW will meet on Wednesday, March 17th (3rd Wednesday of the month), at 10:30 a.m. and the program for the day will be preparing the Easter gifts for our parish shut-ins and twenty nursing home patients. If you would like to contribute some individually wrapped candies/sweets, it would be most welcome. Please place any sweets in the "Snowman popcorn tin" on the kitchen counter. Thank you...and remember, all ladies of Prince of Peace are invited to join our meetings and lunches that follow.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday—March 28, 2010

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist With Blessing of Palm &
Church School Bake Sale

Maundy Thursday—April 1, 2010

7:00 PM Holy Eucharist with The Washing of Feet

Good Friday—April 2, 2010 [Day of Fasting and Prayer]

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Easter Vigil—April 3, 2010

7:00 PM The Holy Vigil and Lighting of The New Fire

Easter Day—April 4, 2010

9 AM Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist & Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER FLOWERS Orders Forms are now available for Easter Flowers. All orders must be placed by Sunday, March 21.

MINISTERS

Celebrant The Reverend John Major

Organist Bernard Gardzalla

Lector / Intercessor Carl Goeringer

Eucharistic Minister Heather Hules

Acolytes Andrew Hules

Ushers / Oblationers Sandy Sheehan, Jean Carson

Altar Guild Sandy Sheehan, Grace Goeringer

THE GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (*Stand & Face the Gospel*)

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 LESSONS Sunday's Epistle talks about being Ambassadors for Christ. We may smile when we hear that term, but indeed, the dictionary says that ambassador means, among other things, "an authorized representative or messenger". Through our Baptism, God has made us his representatives and messengers. Faithful stewards take that designation seriously!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING The Church Office will be closed this week and Jennifer will not be available. In the even of an emergency please contact Father Major 654-3261.

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.

HELPING THOSE MOST IN NEED At the 2009 General Convention, Lent was officially designated as a time to encourage dioceses, congregations and individuals to remember and support Episcopal Relief & Development's life-saving work. "Throughout this period of reflection and examination, we ask the Church to pray for those affected by disaster and poverty in Haiti and around the world," said Brian Sellers-Petersen, Director of Church Engagement. "The Lenten season provides an opportunity to consider how we might follow Christ more closely in caring for people who are suffering." Please be generous in supporting mission outreach work this season. Clearly mark your parish mission outreach gift "Helping Hand To Haiti" or donate directly to ERD at www.er-d.org.

SOUP AND BREAD MEAL & STATIONS OF THE CROSS Thank you to Parish Life Events, Church School and and Worship Teams who organized this year's mid-lenten retreat. For all who provided bread, soup, presence and prayers - thank you for helping to create a very positive and prayerful time of holy retreat and fellowship.

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.