

**THEME TEA & RE-GIFT AUCTION** The annual Prince Of Peace Tea and Re-gift Auction will be held Saturday, May 16, 2009. We are still in need of volunteers to host a table and help in the kitchen. We are also in need of donations to the re-gift auction. If you have any items that are in new or like new condition and would like to contribute, please see Linda Shrader or Bev Cushner.

**PRINCE OF PEACE ENEWS** If you have email and would like to receive an occasional e-newsletter from Prince of Peace, please contact Jennifer in the Parish Office (princeofpeace@epix.net or 570.675.1723)

**LUZERNE COUNTY EPISCOPAL CHURCHES ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** will be held on Thursday May 21, 6:30 pm at St Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre. Father Bill Marshall from St Clements & Peters will be the Celebrant, Father John Major will be the Con-Celebrant and Father Dennis Berk from Grace Kingston will be preaching.

**CHURCH MANNERS** Please remember that before the service you are asked to quietly gather in the Sanctuary for a time of silent prayer and to enjoy the music that is provided. It is difficult for those in the Sanctuary to pray when those in the Parish Hall are having loud conversations. Also please remember to silence your cell phone and/or pagers before you enter the Sanctuary.

**Before the service, speak to God;**  
**During the service, let God speak to you;**  
**After the service, speak to one another.**

## MINISTERS

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<b>Celebrant / Preacher</b>	The Reverend John Major
<b>Organist</b>	Bernard Gardzalla
<b>Lector / Intercessor</b>	Youth
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Youth
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBA
<b>Ushers / Oblationers</b>	Youth
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beverly Cushner, Barbara Wentz
<b>Vestry Counter</b>	Mary Jillson-Stout

# Sunday, April 26, 2009

## The Third Sunday of Easter

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### The Music

Prelude: *Easter Reverie* .....Clarence Dickinson

#### **Opening Hymn: *Hymn to Joy***

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
Christ was on the cross a victim, For the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,  
Glorious life and life immortal, On that holy Easter morn.  
Christ has triumphed and we conquer by this mighty enterprise,  
We with Christ to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
Rain and dew and gleams of glory from your holy radiant face;  
That, with hearts in heaven dwelling,  
We on earth, your servants true,  
Will by angel hands be gathered and be ever, Lord with you.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

#### **Gradual Hymn: *Christ Is Alive* #182**

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

Communion: *Pastorale* ..... Louis Lefebure-Wely

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

#### **Closing Hymn: *Alleluia* #178**

Postlude: *Offertoire on "O Filii"* ..... Alexandre Guilmant

### The Lectionary

#### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### **The Lessons** (*The people sit.*)

#### **The First Reading: *Acts 3:12-19***

When Peter saw the astonishment of those who had seen the lame man healed, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold

through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm: Psalm 4 Cum invocarem**

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy  
on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after  
false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

**The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48 (Stand & Face the Gospel)**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

While the disciples were telling how they had seen Jesus risen from the dead, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scrip-

tures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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.

**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S PSALM** Psalm 4, verse 6 says - "Many are saying, 'Oh, that we might see better times! Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.'" There is an old saying - "If God seems far away, guess who's moved?" As faithful stewards, we need to learn to stay close to God, and to worship and thank Him at all times for all things. Who knows what 'better times' that might bring - or how we might become much more aware of 'the light of his countenance' in our lives?

**PRAYER LIST** Please remember to keep those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit in your prayers this week, especially: *Bishop Paul, Heather, Jack, Henry, Sarah, Matt, Debbie, Hennie, Andrea, Brian, Hans, Karen, Len, Father Jim, Grace, Lee, David, Maryann, Dan, Joseph, Rowan Elise and the Frederick Family, Specialist Robert Price & SPF Sean Cappellini-Boyle.*

**CYSTIC FIBROSIS WALK** Tara Gwilliam will be walking in the CF Walk on May 2nd. Walkers and sponsors are needed please contact Tara (690-0446) if you would like to help.

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

**RESTORE THE GLORY** A capital campaign is currently underway to repair and restore the main Chancel Windows (the three behind the Altar). We ask that you prayerfully consider giving as you are able to this campaign. Feel free to speak to any of the Restore the Glory committee members for more information (Father Major, Dan Monk, Dan Plashinski, Dave Dillon, Carl Goeringer, Jennifer Martin). Donation forms are available on our website and in the brochure rack, near the steps, in the Parish Hall.

**GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NEPA** A new grassroots advertising campaign for the Episcopal Church in Northeastern Pennsylvania kicked off recently. A series of 3 spots is running in conjunction with WNEP Channel 16's "Good Things are Happening". (A few of our parishioners can be seen in the first ad). You can find a video of the spots on our website, on the new site [www.nepaepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.nepaepiscopalchurch.org), or on the NEPA Episcopal Church Facebook Group.