



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

April 19, 2009

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

7:45 a.m.

The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant

### The Word of God

**Entrance Rite**

**BCP 323**

**The Collect of the Day**

**The Lessons**

[Acts 4:32-35](#)

[Psalm 133](#)

[1 John 1:1-2:2](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)

**The Sermon** The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 327**

**The Prayers of the People, Form IV**

**BCP 388**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**BCP 330**

**The Peace**

### The Holy Communion

**Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II**

**BCP 340**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 337**

**The Communion**

**Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing**

**BCP 339**

**Hymn at the Procession** Hymnal #417, v. 1 This is the feast of victory

*Festival Canticle*

**Dismissal**

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

9:00 a.m.

The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant

### The Word of God

**Opening Acclamation and The Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

**Hymn of Praise:** Hymnal #417, vv.1-4 This is the feast of victory

*Festival Canticle*

## 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 First Lesson

### Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

(Ushers will seat late comers.)

## The Gradual

### Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it / is, \*  
when brethren live together in / unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the / head \*  
that runs down upon the / beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of / Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his / robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of / Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of / Zion.
- †5 For there the LORD has ordained the / blessing: \*  
life for ever/more.

## The Epistle

### 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

(Ushers will seat late comers.)

**At the Sequence**

Festival Alleluias

Dooner/Stairs

(Procession to Children's Chapel, for 3K, 4K, and 5K. Children will return at the Peace.)

**The Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

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 Sermon** The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery

**The Nicene Creed**

**The Prayers of the People, Form IV**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**The Peace**

**BCP 358**

**BCP 388**

**BCP 360**

## The Holy Communion

**At the Offertory** Litany for Easter  
*Chancel Singers*

Gordon Young

**Hymn at the Presentation** Praise God, from whom all blessing flow  
Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B**  
WLP #858 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" Sanctus

**BCP 367**

**The Breaking of the Bread**  
WLP #880, v. 1 Christ our Passover--*Pascha nostrum*

**BCP 364**  
*Sine Nomine*

**Hymns at the Communion**  
Hymnal #184 Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Hymnal #213 Come away to the skies  
Hymnal #192 This joyful Eastertide

*Christ ist erstanden*  
*Middlebury*  
*Vruechten*

**People's response to the sending out of the Eucharistic Visitors:**  
May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

**Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing**

**BCP 365**

**Hymn at the Procession**  
Hymnal #182 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

*Truro*

**Dismissal**

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