



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2009

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

Confirmation

11:15 a.m.

The Right Reverend Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr., Celebrant

Organ Voluntary

Introit: Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Peter Cutts

The Word of God

At the Procession

Hymnal #516 Come down, O love divine

Down Ampney

Entrance Rite

BCP 413

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

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 Gradual
Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, de/fender ▪ 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 dis/honor ▪ 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 / LÖRD, / he ▪ will / hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and / do ▪ not / sin; *
speak to your heart in / silence ▪ up/on ▪ your / bed.
- 5 Offer the ap/poin•ted / 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 ▪ up/on us, ▪ O / LORD.
- 7 You have put / gladness ▪ in my / heart, *
more than when grain and / wine ▪ and / oil ▪ in/crease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I / fall ▪ a/sleep; *
for only you, LORD, / make ▪ me / dwell ▪ in / safety.

The Epistle

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.

(Ushers will seat latecomers.)

At the Sequence

Hymnal #348 Lord, we have come at your own invitation

O quanta qualia

The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

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 scriptures, 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 Sermon The Right Reverend Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP 415

Sarah McMillan Axson
Michaela Falstad Close
Leslie Allen Cotter, III
Katherine Keller DuBose
Evans Elaine Epting
Mary Grace Graham
Luke Neal Hodges
Taylor Clark Jackson
Katherine Elizabeth Law

Thomas Adrian Boland, Jr.
Heather Evans Overdyke

The Baptismal Covenant
Prayers for the Candidates
The Confirmations
The Peace

BCP 416
BCP 305
BCP418

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One
Chancel Choir

Healey Willan

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
Hymnal #S128 Holy, holy, holy Lord--*Sanctus*

BCP 367
William Mathias

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

BCP 364
Sine Nomine

Hymns at the Communion

Hymnal #212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice
Hymnal #178 Jesus is Lord of all the earth
Hymnal #490 I want to walk as a child of the light
Hymnal #174 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Richmond
Alleluia No. 1
Houston
Salzburg

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 366

Hymn at the Procession

Hymnal #637 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Lyons

Dismissal

Organ Voluntary
