



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year C

March 14, 2010

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

11:15 a.m.

The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant

### The Word of God

#### At the Procession

Hymnal #686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

*Nettleton*

#### A Penitential Order: Rite Two

The Decalogue

**BCP 351**

**BCP 350**

#### Confession of Sin and Absolution

**BCP 352**

**The Song of Praise** *Hymnal # S96 Lord, have mercy--Kyrie eleison*

*Franz Schubert*

#### 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 Old Testament

##### 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 Gradual

### Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
*and whose sin / is pút away!*
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
*and in whose spirit there / is nó guile!*
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
*because of my groan/ing áll day long.*
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
*my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of súmmer.*
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
*and did not / concéal my guilt.*
- 6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
*Then you forgave me the guilt / of mý sin.*
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
*when the great waters overflow, they shall / not réach them.*
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
*you surround me with shouts of / delíverance.*
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
*I will guide / you wíth my eye.*
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
*who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will / not stáy near you."*
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
*but mercy embraces those who trust / in thé LORD.*
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
*shout for joy, all who / are trúe of heart.*

## The Epistle

### 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.

### **At the Sequence**

Hymnal #140 Wilt thou forgive

*Donne*

### **The Gospel**

#### **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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 Sermon** The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson

**The Nicene Creed**

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

**The Peace**

**BCP 358**

**BCP 387**

## The Holy Communion

**At the Offertory** When Jesus Wept  
*Chancel Choir Women*

William Billings

**Hymn at the Presentation** Hymnal #707 Take my life and let it be consecrated  
Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

*Hollingside*

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**  
Hymnal #S130 Holy, holy, holy Lord--*Sanctus*

**BCP 361**  
Franz Schubert

**The Breaking of the Bread**  
Hymnal #S164 Lamb of God--*Agnus dei*

**BCP 364**  
Franz Schubert

**Hymns at the Communion**  
Hymnal #674 Forgive our sins as we forgive  
WLP #763 As we gather at your table  
Hymnal #693 Just as I am, without one plea

*Detroit*  
*Raquel*  
*Woodworth*

**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 Prayer over the People**

**BCP 365**

**Hymn at the Procession**  
Hymnal #525 The Church's one foundation

*Aurelia*

**Dismissal**

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