



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year C

March 21, 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

Prelude: Arioso

Brian McCants, Cello

J. S. Bach

The Word of God

At the Procession

Hymnal #518 Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

The Decalogue

BCP 351

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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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The Old Testament

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Gradual

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

- 1 When the LORD restored / the fortunes ▪ of / Zion, *
then / were we ▪ like / those ▪ who / dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth / filled ▪ with / laughter, *
and our / tongue ▪ with / shouts ▪ of / joy.
- 3 Then they said a-/mong ▪ the / nations, *
"The / LORD has ▪ done / great ▪ things / for them."
- 4 The LORD has done / great things ▪ for / us, *
and / we ▪ are / glad ▪ in-/deed.
- 5 Restore our / fortunes, ▪ O / LORD, *
like the / water▪courses / of ▪ the / Negev.
- 6 Those who / sowed ▪ with / tears *
will / reap ▪ with / songs ▪ of / joy.
- †7 Those who go out weeping, / carrying ▪ the / seed, *
will come again with / jöy, / shouldering ▪ their / sheaves.

† *Second half of chant*

The Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

At the Sequence

Hymnal #309 O Food to pilgrims given

J. S. Bach

The Gospel

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was

a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Sermon The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery
The Nicene Creed
The Prayers of the People, Form V
The Peace

BCP 358
BCP 389

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory Call to Remembrance
Chamber Singers

Richard Farrant

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 #336 Come with us, O blessed Jesus
The First Song of Isaiah
WLP #800 Precious Lord

J. S. Bach
BCP 86
T. A. Dorsey

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 #495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

In Babilone

Dismissal

Closing Voluntary: Christ, Thou Art the Heavenly Light (BWV 766)

J. S. Bach

Music Notes: TODAY is the birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach, born on March 21, 1685 in the German town of Eisenach, less than a month after the birth of G. F. Handel about 80 miles away in Halle. As a point of interest, the Wartburg Castle, where Martin Luther first translated the Bible into German in 1521, is in Eisenach. Bach spent his life working as a church musician (organist, choir director and composer) within 100 miles of where he was born, but his influence on music through the centuries and throughout the world is incalculable.