



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2009

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**  
**11:15 a.m.**  
**The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson, Celebrant**

**Organ Voluntary**

**The Word of God**

**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**

**Song of Praise** Lord, have mercy--*Kyrie eleison*

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**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**

**Numbers 21:4-9**

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

(Ushers will seat latecomers.)

## The Gradual

### Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he ▪ is / good, \*  
and his / mercy ▪ en/dures ▪ for / ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has re/deemed ▪ pro/claim \*  
that he re/deemed them ▪ from the / hand of ▪ the / foe.
- †3 He gathered them / out of ▪ the / lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the / north ▪ and / from ▪ the / south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to re/bel▪lious / ways; \*  
they were af/flicted ▪ be/cause of ▪ their / sins.
- 18 They abhorred all / manner ▪ of / food \*  
and drew / near ▪ to / deãth's / door.
- 19 Then they cried to the / LORD in ▪ their / trouble, \*  
and he de/livered them ▪ from / their ▪ dis/tress.
- 20 He sent forth his / word ▪ and / healed them \*  
and / saved ▪ them / from ▪ the / grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the / LORD for ▪ his / mercy \*  
and the / wonders ▪ he / does for ▪ his / children.
- 22 Let them offer a / sacrifice ▪ of / thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his / acts ▪ with / shouts ▪ of / joy.

† *Second half of chant*

## The Epistle

### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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## At the Sequence

Hymnal #440 Blessed Jesus, at thy word

*Liebster Jesu*

## **The Gospel**

### **John 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

**The Sermon** The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

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

**BCP 383**

**The Peace**

## **The Holy Communion**

**At the Offertory** Wash Me Thoroughly  
*Chancel Choir*

S. S. Wesley

### **Hymn at the Presentation**

Hymnal #380, v. 3 Praise God, from whom all blessing flow

*Old 100th*

### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

Hymnal # S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord--*Sanctus*

**BCP 361**

Richard Proulx

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Hymnal #S165 Lamb of God--*Agnus dei*

**BCP 364**

William Matthias

### **Hymns at the Communion**

Hymnal #339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

WLP #761 All who hunger gather gladly

Hymnal # 439 What wondrous love is this, O my soul

*Schmücke dich*

*Holy Manna*

*Wondrous Love*

### **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 #379 God is Love, let heaven adore him

*Abbot's Leigh*

### **Dismissal**

### **Organ Voluntary**

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