

Sunday, March 18, 2012



Church of the Annunciation Oradell, New Jersey

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Welcome! *If you are visiting or new, we are delighted that you are with us today. Know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. We hope you will participate fully in our worship and engage your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Children are very welcome, especially in the play space near the rear of the church. Fill out a visitor's card, which you will find on the shelf near the door to the church, so we can stay in touch with you. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, so we can get to know you better and to support you in your walk with the Lord.*

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

at ten o'clock

Please observe quiet reverence during the Prelude – respecting those preparing to worship God at this time

Prelude: *Ah, Dearest Jesus*

Johannes Brahms

HYMN 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Litany of Penitence

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HYMN 370 – stz. 6

Christ be with me, Christ within me

Collect for the Day and Scripture

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HYMN 473

stz. 1-2 before – stz. 4 after the Gospel

Sermon

“Our sin vs. God's Grace”

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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Prayers of the People – Form 6

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Wednesday in Holy Week, Blessings, and The Peace

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Announcements and Parish Celebrations

Wardens and Parish Leaders

HYMN 671

Amazing grace

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer C

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-129

During Communion:

Lenten Hymns

A Litany of Thanksgiving

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HYMN 691

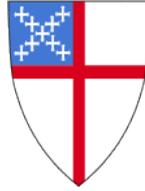
My faith looks up to thee

Postlude: *Prelude in D*

Louis Clerambault

Please maintain quiet reverence during the Postlude – saving conversation for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Fourth Sunday in Lent



The Collect

Gracious Father, your blest 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 Old Testament Lesson 21:4-9

From Mount Hor, they 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.

The Response – alternating at the asterisk * and 17-22

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * **and his mercy endures for ever.**

Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim * **that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

He gathered them out of the lands; * **from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Numbers

Psalm 107:1-3

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * **they were afflicted because of their sins.**

They abhorred all manner of food * **and drew near to death's door.**
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * **and he delivered them from their distress.**

He sent forth his word and healed them * **and saved them from the grave.**

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * **and the wonders he does for his children.**

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * **and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

The New Testament Lesson

1st Corinthians 1:18-25

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. But 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.

The Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said, "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."

Prayers

Special Intentions: Dotti Zebrowski, Marie Papp, Carolyn Bensen, Clare Simpson, Sue Demay, Dorothy Grefrath, Alice Bezdjian, Gary Hoag, Peter Grefrath, Barbara Maggio, Laura Munson, Reidelina Rodriguez

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Eleanor Chase McKey by Jan & John Simpson, and Winifred Sakorafos by Marie Mitchell.

The Absent Guest Plate is a second offering at the choir steps each week. It is immediately given away for charitable purposes – today to **Madoche Jean Louis**, a child we sponsor through Compassion International.

Serving in the Military: Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly, Justin A. Perry, Scott Bartholf.

Today's Worship Leadership

Altar Guild: Diane May, Ginny Baird

Lector: Jyoti Dass Eucharistic Minister: Sue Dziemian Financial Stewards: Rahul Dass
Church School Teacher: Kathi Bellitto Acolytes: Skyler Olsen, Zachary Olsen

Coming Parish Events

Sun 25 Mar – Feast of the Annunciation & Lent 5 @ 10:00 am and Coffee Hour: The Rev. Erik Soldwedel and Newark ACTS Interns preaching and introducing us to their various ministries

Sun 01 Apr – Palm Sunday & Youth Sunday @ 10 am: Annunciation Youth will lead us in the choral reading of the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

Thu 05 Apr – Maundy Thursday Seder @ 7:00 pm

Fri 06 Apr – Good Friday “Watch by the Cross” – 12:00 noon–3:00 pm: Focus on “The Seven Last Words of Jesus” in roughly 20-minute segments. “Come when you can. Leave when you must.”

Fri 06 Apr – Good Friday Liturgy @ 7:00 pm: Choral reading of the Passion according to John and the Solemn Collects

Wednesdays at 11 am – Holy Communion with Healing and a Spiritual Focus

3/21 Thomas Ken

3/28 The Feast of the Annunciation

4/4 F. D. Maurice

Notes about Today's Scripture Readings

The Old Testament contains accounts of God saving the people at various times in their history. We remember those times during Lent as a part of our preparation to celebrate the ultimate salvation of all people in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The story of Israel's wandering in the wilderness continues today. Again the people complain about hunger and thirst and rebel against God. They are set upon by poisonous serpents. Moses intercedes with God and is directed to make a bronze serpent. When the people look at the serpent they are saved.

The reading today from Ephesians announces that in his resurrection and ascension, Jesus has raised us who know him by faith into the new life of God. It is in Baptism that we have become part of that new life and have received the grace which saves us.

The Gospel reading is John's account of Jesus' predicting his death. He likens his crucifixion to the event in today's Old Testament reading. He promises that he has come not to condemn the world but to save it. Only those who reject this message and the light of God given by Jesus are in danger of being lost.

The most consistent message in Holy Scripture is God's love and repeated interventions in history to bring about redemption. As we move nearer to Easter, we are led by means of Word and Sacraments to a deepening realization that God is still redeeming us. Let us remember today those who will be baptized at Easter, who are joining us in the journey of the redeemed to God.

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Scripture For The Next Three Sundays

3/18 Lent 4 – Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3 & 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21
3/25 Lent 5 – Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-13, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33 31
4/01 Palm Sunday – Mark 11:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-29 [Liturgy of the Palms]
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1–15:47 [Choral Reading]

Wednesday Lenten Program @ 7:00 pm

“The Prodigal God – Finding Your Place at the Table”

Wed 21 Mar – Session # 4 “The Elder Brother”

Wed 28 Mar – Session # 5 “The True Elder Brother”

Wed 04 Apr – Session # 6 “The Feast of the Father” – preceded by light supper at 6:30 pm