

The Church of the Annunciation

A Parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark



March 27, 2011—The Third Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.

Welcome! *If you are visiting or new, we are glad you joined us today. By filling out the visitor's card you will find near the door to the church, you will allow us to stay in touch with you. Please know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. You are encouraged to participate fully in our worship, engaging your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Children are also welcome, especially in the play space near the rear of the church.*

Prelude

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (I cry to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)

Bach

If you have an announcement to share, please come sit by the lectern during the Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Special Blessings

Entrance Hymn 690

If you are able, please stand to sing

“Guide me O thou great Jehovah”

The hymn is found in the hymnal, in the pew rack

Priest

✠ Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Collect for Purity

Priest

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

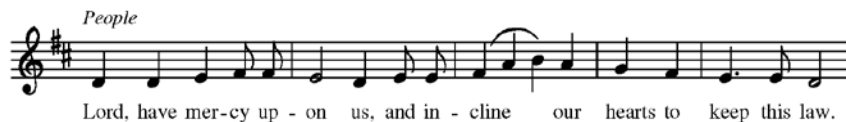
The Decalogue

Priest

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

Please kneel, if you are able to do so

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.



You shall not make for yourself any idol. *Lord, have mercy....*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. *Lord, have mercy....*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *Lord, have mercy....*

Honor your father and your mother. *Lord, have mercy....*

You shall not commit murder. *Lord, have mercy....*

You shall not commit adultery. *Lord, have mercy....*

You shall not steal. *Lord, have mercy....*

You shall not be a false witness. *Lord, have mercy....*

our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

(Romans 5:1-11)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 455 *Please stand* “O law of God, how strong and true”

Tract

Cantor Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;* give me living water that I may never thirst again.
(John 4:42,15)

The Gospel

Reader ✠ ✠ ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. (John 4:5-42)

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon *Please be seated*

Nicene Creed

All stand and say together the following

At the italicized words, you are invited to bow

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.*
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The priest first bids the people's prayer intentions, then says

Priest Let us pray for the church and for the world.

(Please kneel, if you able to do so. The leader and people pray responsively.)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work; *For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.*

This week, we remember Barack our President, and all the leaders of the nation and the world; *For all who work for
justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation; *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Mount Kenya, and in our parish cycle, we pray for our Cantors this week. We pray also for Katharine our Presiding Bishop, and for all bishop and other ministers; *For all who serve God
in the Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating a special occasion. We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for Christopher Loza and Gary Woods, Jr., who died in Iraq, and Trevor Johnson and Milton Suggs, who died in Afghanistan, and all those who have died in the wars overseas. We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(All say together)

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The priest concludes with an absolution)

Commendation of the Mortal Remains of Susan Mary Hoag

Family and friends are invited to gather at the columbarium; others in the congregation may be seated

All Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Leader You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and
to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Priest Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Susan. Acknowledge, we humbly
beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the
glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

To our departed sister Sue, all say this final bidding

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you
into the holy city Jerusalem.

Peace *All stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the people may greet one another, exchanging peace in the name of God

Offertory Music

In the Garden Alone

Austin Miles

During the music, please be seated as the people's monetary offerings are collected

I come to the Garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of
God discloses.

Refrain: And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we
tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing; and the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be falling; but he bids me go through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

Soloist: Jamie MacKenzie

All say together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-158

The bread is broken, and the ushers come forward to guide the people to the communion rail

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, especially young children! If you are unable to take the steps and would like Communion brought to you, please inform an usher.

Music during Communion

Give Me a Clean Heart

Margaret Douroux

Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart and I'll follow thee.

I'm not asking for the riches of the land. I'm not asking for the proud to know my name. Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may follow thee. Give me a clean heart, and I will follow thee

Sometimes I am up and sometimes I am down. Sometimes I am almost level to the ground. Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may follow thee. Give me a clean heart and I will follow thee.

Post-Communion Prayer

All say together

Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer over the People

Hymn 152

“Kind maker of the world”

Dismissal

Leader Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

All Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Paul Manz

About Today's Lessons & Liturgy

Welcome to our parish on this Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. This story is one of the classic biblical passages for those preparing for baptism at Easter. As the woman was gradually enlightened about Jesus and about her relationship to God, so the candidates are growing in their relationship with God during Lent. They look forward to receiving in baptism the “living water” of God's Spirit in their lives. Those already baptized are filled with that living water and continue to be enlightened by God's Spirit.

In the first reading, we move forward in the history of salvation from the call of Abraham and Sarah to the account of Moses and Israel in the Exodus from Egypt. On the occasion we read about today, God provides water for the people in the desert. This is an image of God's loving care for all people in the spiritual dryness of this world.

The second reading is about the new life we have in God through Christ. Jesus gave up his life for us, in order that we might be put right with God. In his death and resurrection, the estrangement between God and humanity is being repaired. We, in baptism, have been reconciled with God.

As people in the desert thirst for water, so Christians find in their Lenten living the thirst for life that only God can quench. All of us, both the baptized and those preparing for baptism, are, like the Samaritan woman, being enlightened and filled with the grace of the living water that comes from our Savior.

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Music Notes

J. S. Bach was a great inspiration for Paul Manz, who wrote many chorale preludes for organ, all in the style of J. S. Bach. The solo and the choir piece during Communion are from our Episcopal supplementary hymnal, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

Who Knew?

“It is better to rely on God than to put any trust in flesh.”

(Psalm 118:8, *St. Helena Psalter*)

Announcements

This is just a reminder that I will be collecting goodies to sent to our two college students as they get ready for exams. This will be the second care packet that we will send as a community. Both Ava and Anthony loved the

care packages we sent last semester. They really appreciated our thoughts and care. If you can please bring in the follow items to send. Both Ava and Anthony are health conscious. Goodies from Whole foods or Trader Joe's would be appreciated. This is what we need. Please bring in packaged items only. Nothing loose or perusable.

1. Cookies - Chocolate Chips / Oatmeal
2. Mic Pop Corn
3. Peanut Butter / Peanuts / Nuts
4. Pretzels / Potato Chips / Sun Chips

If you do not have time to pick up some goodies I will be collecting money. The cost to ship both packages in \$24.00. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness! We are all very proud of these young people.

A Card of Remembrance was received for Vincent D'Annunzio.

Parish Directory: A draft of the Parish Directory is in the Parish hall on the wall for your updates, changes, etc. Please initial your name.

On our parish web site: In addition to the calendar and *e-News*, the site now contains recent Sunday bulletins and announcement sheets. If you are out of town, have to work, or perhaps are sick, you can still stay in touch with your parish. There is also a snappy video of our hand-bell choir and a couple of videos of sermons. Take a look (www.annunciationoradell.org).

Your Questions Answered: *Q.* What's one way we can become a church that turns around? *A.* A church that turns around needs to become more centered on the risen Christ. Can we do that? —JBB

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Google Groups: We now have two groups in Google. These are free, and we encourage you to sign up. Start at our web site (www.annunciationoradell.org), then click on the link under "Contact Us" to join one or more online groups. Everyone should be part of the "Parishioners" group! We also have a Facebook group—so sign up today to see pictures, hear news, and stay in touch with your fellow parishioners.

In Our Prayers

Special Intentions: Dotti Zebrowski, Marilyn Noll, Chloe Devine, Dorothy Craig, Marie Papp, Agnes Dockendorff, Helen Dziemian, Deanna Miller, Sandra Carida, Carolyn Bensen, Gary Hoag, Theodore Stell, Linda Christensen, Christina Zisa, Leslie Granville, Soffie Minassian, Lisa Emelo, Gloria Brower, John Gibbons, Patt Seitz, Neha Dass, Harold Graf, Charles Kochka, Richard Thomas, Sara Sarnicki, Addison Ridden, Joan Hearle, Angela Kaufmann, Stu Kaufmann, Jon Spinnanger, Catherine O'Dougherty and the Cutty family .

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Winifred Sakorafos by Marie Mitchell, and Susan Hoag and Frank Benning by their family.

Absent Guest Plate (a second offering at the altar steps each week and given away for charitable purposes):

Shelter Our Sisters ().

Those Serving in the Military Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly.

Parish Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Dr. J. Barrington Bates (church office 201-262-7222, e-mail rector@annunciationoradell.org, cell 201-390-8270, or, *in an emergency only:* rectory 201-265-4144, country 518-731-1131)

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Today's Lay Leadership

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Lay Eucharistic Minister: Grace Oliff

Financial Steward: Jim Gwynne

Cantor:

Acolytes: Teagan Bellitto(Crucifer), Ben Corrado, Brianna Cottone

Lector:

Ushers:

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