

The Church of the Annunciation

A Parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark



April 3, 2011 — *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Morning Prayer, 10 a.m.

Welcome! *If you are visiting or new, we are glad you joined us this morning. 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, when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist again, next Sunday.*

Prelude

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

J.S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements, and Special Blessings

Entrance Hymn 143

“The glory of these forty days”

If you are able, please stand to sing

The hymnal is found in the pew rack

Opening Sentences

The leader says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Philippians 1:2)

Confession and Prayer for God's Pardon

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel and say together

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Please stand, if you are able to do so

Leader ✠ Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

1. Come, let us sing to the
 Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
 va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the
 Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all
 gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,
 and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The
 sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have
 mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
 knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For
 he is our God, and we are the peo-ple of his
 pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.
 Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice!

Psalm *Please be seated; the psalm is said in unison*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

(Psalm 23)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

(1 Samuel 16:1-13)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle *If you are able, please stand*

WLP, 885

1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.
2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun-tains,
3. O men and wo - men ev - ery-where, lift up a hymn of glo - ry;

Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.
sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun-tains.
let all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry.

Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
Lithe wa - ter life, bright air-borne birds, wild rov - ing beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -
No tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum-ble souls and meek of heart: ex -

alt the God who made you.
alt the God who made you.
alt the God who made you.

(Metrical paraphrase of the Song of the Three Young Men 35-65, by Carl Daw)

The people may then be seated for the lesson that follows

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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Anthem

Jesus, I will ponder now

Paul Manz

A Reading from the Gospel according to St. John

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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People Thanks be to God.

Canticle *(Standing)*



1. Now ✠ bless the God of Is - ra - el, Who
2. Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God
3. In - ten - der mer - cy, God will send The

comes in love and pow'r, Who rais - es from the
res - cues us from fear, That we might serve in
day - spring from on high, Our ris - ing sun, the

roy - al house De - liv - 'rance in this hour. Through
ho - li - ness And peace from year to year; And
light of life For those who sit and sigh. God

ho - ly proph - ets God has sworn To
you, my child, shall go be - fore To
comes to guide our way to peace, That

free us from a - larm, To save us from the
preach, to proph - e - sy, That all may know the
death shall reign no more. Sing prais - es to the

heav - y hand Of all who wish us harm.
ten - der love, The grace of God most high.
Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!

(Metrical paraphrase of Luke 1:68-79 by Ruth Duck)

The Apostles' Creed

Remaining standing, all say together

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

All kneel and 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.

Leader Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People And grant us your salvation.

Leader Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People Let your people sing with joy.

Leader Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People For only in you can we live in safety.

Leader Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Leader Let your way be known upon earth;

People Your saving health among all nations.

Leader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Leader Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The leader then says the following prayers

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.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for All Sorts and Conditions of Men

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

All say together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Grace

Leader The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

Hymn 533

“How wondrous and great”

Sermon *Please be seated*

Offertory Sentence

Leader Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the most high.

Offertory Music

This Little Light of Mine

African American Spiritual

Arr. William Farley Smith

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

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

Hymn LEVAS 145

“Have thine own way, Lord”

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____

1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! _____
 2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! _____
 3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray! _____
 4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! _____

1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, _____
 2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, _____
 3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! _____
 4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see _____

1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still. _____
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow. _____
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! _____
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! _____

During the hymn, the people's offerings are presented at the altar

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Leader Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Closing

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

About Today's Lessons & Liturgy

Welcome to our parish on the Sunday of the Man Born Blind. This gospel reading has been used since early days of the church to help those preparing for baptism understand the process of enlightenment they are going through. In this story, the blind man progresses from the restoration of his physical sight to a deeper enlightenment about God until he is able to recognize Jesus as his Redeemer.

The first reading takes us to the point in the history of salvation when David is chosen by God as king. As is so often the case with the outstanding heroes of the faith, God's choice is not apparent to those who evaluate by human standards. David's anointing is an image of our own baptism in which God chose us and set us apart not for our own merits but because God loves us.

The second reading describes how those who have been baptized and now live in the light will carry on their lives. The final verse may be an ancient Christian baptismal hymn.

We, like the man born blind, are now awake and filled with the Light from Light through our baptism. As we continue in our Lenten pilgrimage toward Easter, enlightened by God's Word and nourished by the sacraments, we find ourselves in the company of a great family of believers. Let us continue to pray for those preparing to be enlightened and anointed in baptism by the Holy Spirit at Easter.

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Music Notes

No introduction is needed for the music of J. S. Bach, a devout Lutheran, who wrote music for every season of the church year. "This Little Light" is one of the most-beloved of all spirituals. William Farley Smith was a New Jersey resident whose career was mostly in New York, where he was an organist/choir director.

Who Knew?

"Leadership is as a capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future."

—Edwin H. Friedman

Announcements

This is just a reminder that I will be collecting goodies to send 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.

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.annunciationradell.org).

Your Questions Answered: *Q.* I am the Lector next Sunday, and I'd like to practice my readings. How can I tell what the lessons are? *A.* The easiest way to do this is online: go to satucket.com/lectionary/ and then find the date you seek. This will give you not only the reference, but also the text. (We read from the New Revised Standard Version—NRSV.) If you do not have internet access, you can flip over a page of the Annunciation parish calendar. On the back, you will find a table giving the lectionary for each Sunday that month. You can then look up the readings in your Bible. —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.annunciationradell.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.

Pledge Statements for the first quarter are available in the Center Street hallway. Please pick yours up today, saving us postage.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alice Van Varick Finn by the Finn Flower Fund.

Absent Guest Plate (a second offering at the altar steps each week and given away for charitable purposes):
Rector’s Discretionary Fund (a fund maintained by our rector and used for exigent circumstances).

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

Parish Leadership

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Usbers:

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