

The Church of the Annunciation

A Parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark



July 3, 2011—*Proper 9*

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, either in the play space near the rear of the church or for nursery care downstairs.*

Welcome, Announcements, and Special Blessings

If you wish to make an announcement, please come sit in the pew by the lectern during the prelude

Entrance Hymn 720 *If you are able, please stand to sing*

“O say can you see”

Priest ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The priest then says the Collect for Purity:

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.*

Addressing the people, the priest then gives the Summary of the Law:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Confession and Absolution

Priest 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.

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

Gloria in excelsis *Said by all, standing*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated

A Reading from Genesis

The man said to Rebekah and her household, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she

The Gospel

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

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

(Matthew 11:16-19,25-30)

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 states the prayer intentions of the parish.

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

The people are invited to kneel.

Leader In peace and faith, let us offer our prayers, saying “Christ, have mercy.” For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For Katharine our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, and for all the people of God, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for the Province of Ibadan, Nigeria, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader In our parish prayer cycle, for the members of our Vestry, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For those who celebrate a special occasion this week, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, remembering this week Barack our President, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For those known to us to be sick or in special need, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For Cwislyn Walter and mark Baum, who died in Iraq, for Carlo Robinson, Julian Brennan, and David W. Wallace III , who died in Afghanistan, and for all those who have died in the wars, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

The priest concludes with a collect

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, Prayer Book, p.361

The people remain standing

Priest The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here the priest adds the proper preface.*) Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All say together

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel, and the priest continues, saying in the midst of the prayer
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

During the invocation of the Holy Spirit over the people, you are invited to make the sign of the cross
 ... ✠ Sanctify us also ...

The priest concludes

...we celebrate the memorial of our redemption ... now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Priest As now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, especially young children! Please come forward to the altar rail as directed by the ushers. It is our custom to say our name before God, as the priest dispenses the bread. If you are unable

to take the steps and would like Communion brought to you, please inform an usher.

Post-Communion Prayer

All say together

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing ☩

Hymn 719

“O beautiful for spacious skies”

Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

About Today's Lessons & Liturgy

Welcome to our parish. Today's reading from Matthew is when Jesus learns of the murder of John the Baptist. He mourns that people rejected him and John: John, for his severe message of judgment and ascetic lifestyle, and Jesus for his message of God's love for all people and his zest for living. Nevertheless, God's blessing is available for all who accept Jesus' call and for all those who minister God's love to other people.

The first reading continues the story of our ancestors in faith. Sarah has died and Abraham sends his servant to his far-away relatives to find a wife for Isaac. We hear of the servant selecting Rebekah, who becomes the next mother of God's chosen people.

We continue in the second lesson to read from Paul's letter to the Romans. Although, as we heard last week, we have died and been raised in baptism, we still find that sin is alive in us. Paul struggles here with the notion that we are dead to sin and yet sin is still active in our lives. He comes to no easy answer but instead rejoices in God through Jesus who is the only solution to this quandary.

In the liturgy, we are reconstituted as resurrection people. We find the principles of living in the world to be those of God's Kingdom rather than those of the world. In worship and in our ministry to the helpless we become signs of contradiction to the world's standards.

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Who Knew?

Dr. Jose Louis de Jesus Miranda of Orlando, Fla., claims to be Jesus Christ reincarnated. He also admits to being a recovering heroin addict who has spent time in prison on drug and theft charges. And people say we Anglicans are wacky!

Announcements

The Parish Office is closed tomorrow in celebration of Independence Day.

Your Questions Answered: *Q.* What's another way we can become a church that turns around? *A.* a church that turns around must be—first and foremost—warmly expressive of its love. My question is now “Can we do that?”—for we must. My question is “*How* can we do that, and do it very well?” —JBB

In Our Prayers

Special Intentions: Dotti Zebrowski, Marilyn Noll, Chloe Devine, Dorothy Craig, Marie Papp, Agnes Dockendorff, 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, Sara Sarnicki, Addison Ridden, Angela Kaufmann, Stu Kaufmann, Jon Spinnanger, Catherine O'Dougherty, the Cutty family, Rita Huber.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

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

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

Altar Guild: Jan Simpson, Elizabeth Craig, Ava Bramson

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Financial Steward:

Cantor:

Lector:

Ushers:

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