

The Church of the Annunciation

A Parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark



July 24, 2011 – Proper 12

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.*

Welcome, Announcements, and Special Blessings

Entrance Hymn 390

If you are able, please stand to sing

“Praise to God”

Priest ✠ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law

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.*

Priest Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall 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.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose nor the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth

with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated

A Reading from Genesis

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

(Genesis 29:15-28)

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

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:26-39)

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Psalm

Remaining seated, all say together.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

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- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."
- 45 Hallelujah!

(Psalm 105:1-11,45b)

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

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Hymn 526 *Please stand*

"Let saints on earth in concert sing"

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

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.
Christ, have mercy.

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for **Port Elizabeth -
(Southern Africa)**, let us pray. *Christ, have mercy.*

In our parish prayer cycle, for Ted Gustenhoven and
Brian Demay our wardens, let us pray. *Christ, have
mercy.*

For those who celebrate a special occasion this week,
let us pray. *Christ, have mercy.*

For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,
remembering this week Chris our Governor, us
pray. *Christ, have mercy.*

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

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and
orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us
pray. *Christ, have mercy.*

For those known to us to be sick or in special need,
let us pray. *Christ, have mercy.*

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.
Christ, have mercy.

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, let us pray. *Christ, have mercy.*

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

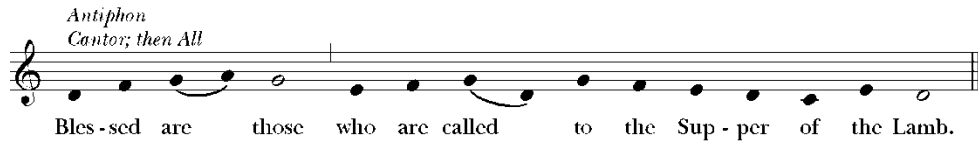
That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without
suffering and without reproach, let us pray. *Christ,
have mercy.*

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-172

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



Cantor Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peoples. For his loving-kindness toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

All repeat the Antiphon

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

“O bless the lord”

Hymn 411

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 408

“Sing praise to God”

Dismissal

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

About Today's Lessons & Liturgy

Welcome to Annunciation! Welcome to our parish. As we did last Sunday, today we hear parables of Jesus concerning God's Kingdom. The Kingdom is characterized as hidden, yet being revealed; as small now but destined to grow large; as so precious that those who discover it will give all in order to attain it; as open to all who will accept it.

As we continue the story of our forebears, Jacob, living with his uncle Laban, asks for the hand of Rachel, whom he loves. Laban tricks him (trickery ran in the family, perhaps) and marries him to his older daughter, Leah. After a time, however, Jacob is allowed to marry Rachel, as well. From these two women came the twelve sons of Jacob and the twelve tribes of Israel.

Our continued reading of the Epistle to the Romans leads us to Paul's great outburst of praise and assurance of the certainty of God's love for us. Here Paul is certain that even our weakest and most elementary striving towards God

is proof that God is leading us and has destined us for glory.

The Church is not the Kingdom of God. It is, in the words of Alexander Schmemmann, the world in the process of becoming the Kingdom. When we gather to celebrate, our movement toward the Kingdom is revealed. In the Eucharist God reconstitutes us as the Church and we discover ourselves growing toward the Kingdom.

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Who Knew?

Sanctuary: The area immediately surrounding the altar, often enclosed by an altar rail. While many Protestants refer to the entire church building as “the sanctuary,” we Episcopalians do not. Our usage stems from the ancient understanding of temple practice of setting the “holy of holies” part from other sacred spaces in the edifice, as well as the ecclesial understanding of the sacredness of the altar area.

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Announcements

Our supply priest today is Reverend J. Carr Holland, III.

Your Questions Answered: *Q.* What is our assurance as Christians? *A.* From the Catechism in the *Book of Common Prayer*: “Our assurance as Christians is that nothing, not even death, shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. —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, Richard Thomas, Sara Sarnicki, Addison Ridden, Joan Hearle, 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):

Habitat for Humanity (an ecumenical Christian organization, Habitat has built more than 250,000 houses around the world, providing more than one million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable new housing).

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

Parish Leadership

Senior Warden (finance & personnel): Ted Gustenhoven (tedgustenhoven@yahoo.com)

Junior Warden (buildings & grounds): Brian Demay (bcdemay2@optonline.net)

Vestry: Rector, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Greg Kouletsis (2012), George Keitel and Eric Olsen, *Clerk* (2013), Dave Dziemian, *Treasurer (nonvoting).* To address e-mail to the entire vestry: annunciationleadership@googlegroups.com

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Today's Lay Leadership

Altar Guild: Eileen Clinch, Grace Oliff, Sue Demay

Financial Steward: Dave Dziemian

Cantor:

Worship Leader:

Lector:

Ushers:

Preacher:

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