

The Church of the Annunciation

A Parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark



July 31, 2011—*Proper 13*

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.*

Welcome, Announcements, and Special Blessings

Entrance Hymn 427

“When morning gilds the skies”

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 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.

- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.

(Psalm 17:1-7,16)

A Reading from Genesis

Jacob got up at night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

(Genesis 32:22-31)

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

Canticle *If you are able, please stand*

WLP, 885

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

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 -
 Lite 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.
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The people may then be seated for the lesson that follows

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

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

(Romans 9:1-5)

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A Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on

foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

(Matthew 14:13-21)

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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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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)*

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

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

Hymn 436

“Lift up your heads”

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.

Hymn 441

“In the cross of Christ”

About Today's Lessons & Liturgy

Welcome to our parish. Throughout the Bible, God uses food as a primary means of calling the people together and of revealing the divine Presence to them. Today we have Matthew's account of the feeding of the 5,000. For early Christians, this account's importance lay not so much in the miraculous multiplying of the loaves and fishes as in its resemblance to the Eucharist, their own way (and ours) of experiencing Jesus' continuing presence in their midst.

Today we reach the most important moment in the story of Jacob. This scoundrel has long resisted God but now as he returns to his homeland, God and he wrestle through the night. Finally, God blesses him and gives him a new name, Israel, "he who strives with God." Jacob is converted and becomes the holy father of God's People.

Having reached the conclusion of his discussion of the glory of God's grace, Paul now tries to deal with the fact that some Jews have not accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Nevertheless, God's promises to them remain.

Religious meals are one of the universal expressions of human religion. All the insights of God's long love affair with humanity are summed up in these meals. Given deeper and fuller meaning by the Passover of Israel and finally used by Jesus to interpret the meaning of his death and resurrection, the Eucharist becomes for us the fullest and most complete revelation of God's love and of His salvation.

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Who Knew?

"Self-care is not selfish or self-indulgent. We cannot nurture others from a dry well. We need to take care of our own needs first, then we can give from our surplus, our abundance."

—Jennifer Louden

Announcements

July 31, 2011 - Morning Prayer – Brian Eslinger

August 7, 2011 – Sunday Eucharist – The Rev. Jonathan King

August 14, 2011 – Sunday Eucharist – The Rev. Jonathan King

August 21, 2011 – Sunday Eucharist – The Rev. Oscar Gonzalez

August 28, 2011 – Sunday Eucharist – The Rev. James Warnke

Your Questions Answered: *Q.* Don't we have a policy that prohibits us from hiring parishioners? *A.* Actually, no. I have asked the Senior Warden to propose a clarifying policy, but to my knowledge our Vestry has never adopted one. Personally, I have experience of parishes that prohibit employing members, and at least one very large parish where nearly every employee is a member. Either system can work, if emphasis is placed on appropriate boundaries and confidentiality.

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, Brian Cronshaw, Patrick.

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): **Seaman's Institute.**

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)

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Today's Lay Leadership

Altar Guild: Jan Simpson, Elizabeth Craig

Financial Steward:

Cantor:

Worship Leader: Grace Oliff

Lector:

Ushers:

Preacher: Brian Eslinger

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