

This Week at St. John's

March 23, 2008

About the Readings

Acts 10:34-43

Peter was the leader of the twelve apostles and the first of the apostles to see the risen Lord. Here is part of one of his early sermons in which it is obvious that the resurrection of Christ is at the heart of his preaching.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This Psalm is “a powerful testimony to the strength of faith that flows from the direct experience of the help of God”. After the introduction, there is the thanksgiving of an individual. The portion of this section which we read sounds like the thanksgiving of the risen Lord himself. The latter part of the psalm is the chorus of pilgrims attending the feast. Read on this day, it is an appropriate Easter hymn.

Colossians 3:1-4

The conviction that the risen Lord has conquered both sin and death is meant to influence all that the Christian is and does..

John 20:1-18

This Easter morning account in John is, first of all, Mary Magdalene's story. She is baffled by the empty tomb, suspecting foul play, and she is the first to see the risen Lord. Her meeting him in the garden is peculiar to John and is one of the warmest and most touching of all the resurrection appearances. Included is the enigmatic command, “Do not touch me,” and a perplexing reference to his impending ascension. There is no further allusion to the ascension in John, as there is in Luke.

(Commentary from *Sunday's Scriptures: An Interpretation* by William Sydnor)

Announcements

Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to worship with us at St. John's this morning, and invite you to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the parish hall after the service.

Child care is provided from 9:15 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. An usher will assist you.

Family Violence Center: The Outreach Ministry Group is collecting much-needed items for the Family Violence Center. You may pick up a list of requested items from the leaflet tables near the entrance doors.

“Don't Forget Your Emmaus Mite Boxes.” Fill them with your loose change, thank offerings . . . whatever way you'd like. The proceeds will be gathered in April and sent to the Diocese for projects that fulfill the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). Any questions—ask an Outreach Ministry Group member.

About the Episcopal Church

Tabernacle: Small ornamental safe kept either on the altar or on a nearby shelf or ledge and used for reserving the Blessed Sacrament.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray, "If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City; the Rev. Louise Baker, Rector.

Birthdays

- Mar. 23 Marshall Price
Jo Warren
- Mar. 24 Kimberly Salsman
- Mar. 26 Chloe Fielder
Elaine Wright
- Mar. 27 Sean Bendon
- Mar. 29 Joan Harvates

Anniversary

- Mar. 25 Wayne & Diana Schweitzer

Faithful Departed

- Mar. 24 Sally Mae Achord
Helen Braig
- Mar. 26 Jesse Thompson

Prayer Requests

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| Terri | Maxine |
| Gladys | Dee |
| Ruth | Rachel |
| Ken | Lauretta |
| Dixie | Jerry |
| Ron | Mona |
| Kathy | Douglas |
| Eddie | Becky |
| Ron | Tanya |
| Alberta | Don |
| Larry | Gene |
| Margi | Kathi |
| Louis | Josh |
| Francis | Clara |
| Stacey | Dana |
| Darryl | Carmon |
| Karol | Sheila |
| David | Colby |
| Harry | Ed |
| Sarah | Al |

Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
March 23 (Easter Sunday)	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung) (incense)
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 24 (Monday in Easter Week)	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Mass
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 25 (Tuesday in Easter Week)	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Mass
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 26 (Wednesday in Easter Week)	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Mass Dinner Choir Adult Bible Study
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 27 (Thursday in Easter Week)	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	St. Clare's Crafters Mass and Anointing Evening Prayer
Friday		
March 28 (Friday in Easter Week)		
Saturday		
March 29 (Saturday in Easter Week)		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
March 30 (2 Easter)	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum Youth Church School Mass— Rite II (sung) (incense)

Names submitted by parishioners will remain on the parish intercession list for 30 days. After 30 days, the names will be removed, unless they are resubmitted. There is no limit on how many times a prayer request can be renewed. This policy will allow the clergy to better manage the official prayer list of the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Father Miller.

The women went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. Confused and distressed at finding an empty tomb, they were further bewildered to hear the words of "a young man, dressed in a white robe. . . [Jesus] has been raised; he is not here. . . . But go, tell his disciples and Peter . . ." (Mark 16:5-7). Easter is the celebration of the Empty Tomb. Every Sunday we are reminded, "Go, tell!" Like the women, we may be amazed or afraid (Mark 16:8), but, we, too, are emboldened by God's Spirit to carry out his command. Go tell. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

What is your legacy to God's Church?