

This Week at St. John's

March 30, 2008

About the Readings

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

This is part of the first Christian sermon of which we have any record. Peter delivered it on the streets of Jerusalem on the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which is fifty days after the Feast of the Passover at which Jesus was crucified. Notice that Peter is a brave, bold man in contrast to the fearful fellow who had denied Jesus at the time of his trial. Notice also that he is unshakably convinced that Jesus has risen from the dead.

Psalm 16

This psalm, which is in part set in the form of a prayer, is an affirmation of trust in God. The psalmist sums up his wholehearted commitment to the Lord with the words, "I have set the Lord always before me."

1 Peter 1:3-9

Peter is writing approximately two generations after the crucifixion-resurrection to Christians in a time of persecution; notice how central is his conviction of the Lord's resurrection.

John 20:19-31

The earliest record of resurrection appearances is in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. These fall into two categories. The first group (to Cephas or Peter *et al*) has a church-founding significance. The second group (to James *et al*) has a mission-inaugurating significance. The two appearances described in John 20 are in the first category. Jesus binds the disciples together in their conviction of his risen presence. The Holy Spirit is bestowed, and the Church as a spiritual entity begins.

(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.

Fall Festival in October 2008: The parish is beginning to make plans for a fall festival. Later this year the organizing committee will begin collecting "gently used" items. However, before the collection can begin, the committee needs to find a storage area for such items. If anyone in the congregation has a garage or extra storage room that the parish could use for a few weeks, the committee would be grateful. If you have or know of a space, please contact Debby Williams at 833-4853, Bill BeSore at 877-8353, or Theresa McCullough at 887-4276. Thank you.

About the Episcopal Church

New Fire: Lighted at the beginning of the Great Vigil of Easter, the new fire is the symbol of renewal and rebirth, and it is the source of the flame used to light the paschal candle.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of England and for the Most Rev. Rowan Douglas Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's Church, Kansas City; the Rev. Frederick E. Mann, Rector; the Rev. John Spicer, Assistant; the Rev. Anne Hutcherson, Associate for Pastoral Care; the Rev. James W. Moore, Deacon; and for Episcopal Community Services, Mr. Jay Lehnertz, Executive Director.

Birthdays

Mar. 30 Christopher Larsen
 Mar. 31 Angela Mays
 Apr. 1 Juanita Harmon
 Carl Wilke
 Apr. 3 Shane Follis
 Apr. 5 Elizabeth Wilkinson

Anniversary

Mar. 30 Nick & Rebecca Sloan
 Apr. 1 Larry & Neva Stauffer
 Apr. 4 Nancy & Ken Bear

Faithful Departed

Apr. 2 Hugo Horny
 Apr. 4 Walt Harmon
 Apr. 5 Joseph E. Cox Jr.

Prayer Requests

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
Margaret	

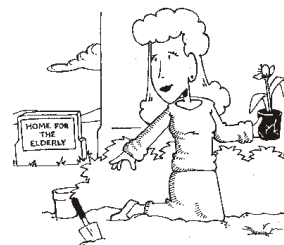
Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
March 30	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
(2 Easter)		Youth
	10:15 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung)
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 31	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(St. Joseph)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
April 1	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(The Annunciation)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
April 2	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(James Lloyd Breck)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
		Adult Bible Study
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
April 3	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
(Richard of Chichester)	12:00 p.m.	Mass and Anointing
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Friday		
April 4		
(Isidore at Seville)		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Mass
April 5	8:30 a.m.	Brotherhood of St. Andrew
(Vincent Ferrer)		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
April 6		<i>Brotherhood Brunches</i>
(3 Easter)	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
		Youth & Adult Classes
	10:15 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung)

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.

Stewards seek to do the will of God, not their own.

“...whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be slave of all” (Mark 10:43-44).



What is your legacy to God's Church?