

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2010



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Mathew 16: 2-3

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: The Reverend Maurice Buck

Reflection: Jim Denis

Lay Reader: Al Both

Lector: Elaine Montgomery

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Officiant: The Rev. (Deacon) Gerry Skeet

Reflection: Jim Denis

*Nursery is open at this service*

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**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Prelude

Processional Hymn #322 *All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name*

Greeting, Invitation & Confession – pg 4

Venite – pg. 6 (Sung)

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Old Testament Reading: Acts 9:36–43

Barbara Moore

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Reader:* **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 - Hymn #519 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness.  
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark  
vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;

for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my live  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

**New Testament Letters:** Revelation 7:9-17

Dave Cormack

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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Te Deum – pg. 7 (Said)

Reading from the Gospel: John 10:22–30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

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Benedictus - pg. 9 (Sung)

Apostle’s Creed – pg. 10

The Lord be with you;

***And with thy spirit.***

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy upon us,

***Christ have mercy upon us.***

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord’s Prayer – pg. 11

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

***And grant us thy salvation.***

O Lord, save the Queen;

***And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.***

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

***And make thy chosen people joyful.***

O Lord, save thy people;

***And bless thine inheritance.***

Give peace in our time O Lord;

***And evermore mightily defend us.***

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

***And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.***

Collect

O God of peace,  
**who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,  
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Reflection with Jim Denis

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Hymn: #619 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Prayers

A General Thanksgiving pg.14  
Prayer of St. Chrysostom  
The Grace

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: # 381 *Praise My Soul The King of Heaven*

**Flowers** are given this morning to the glory of God by

- Elfie Wirsch and Marg Haynes in memory of Eddie John Wirsch, husband and father; Margaret MacLaine, sister and aunt and in memory of loved ones.
- Aileen and Murray Shier in memory of and in thanksgiving for loved ones.
- Ellen Lee in memory of loved ones.

**Prayers**

- In our Worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East and their clergy The Most Rev. Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Martin, Calgary and their clergy, The Rev. Christine Conklin and The Rev. Gordon Jackson.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. David and St. Paul, Grenada and their clergy the Rev. Edward Mark.
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: Marguerite Dimmer, Ted Neale, Carol Kyle, Fran McWilliams, Connie Hill, Peggy Peckover, Rachael Patrick, Paulette Sinkinson, Doreen Thomson and family, Claire White and her parents, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, The Rev. Kerry Bourke, Ken Willis, Annis Siddall, Laurie Houghton-Evans, Tony Luca, Elma, Blaine Bonner, Mariam Jacobs, Pat Clayton, Emily Sharpe, Teresa & Geoff Dawe, Win Ferrie, Eileen Williams, Eapen Mathew, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe, Elric Hicks. Let us also pray for Yphande Jean, our Church-school sponsored child in Haiti.

Richard Bird is Warden on Duty today.

**Reminder** to please wear your name tags. If you do not have one and would like to have one, please contact Lois Ellis at 403-252-9503.

**Please join Helene Mahaffey** today in Cormack Hall to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Birthday cake and coffee will be served following the 10 am service.

#### **Heartfelt thanks**

- From Grant and Joan Hanna to Betty Nadurak, the ACW all who helped with the lovely reception following the funeral of Grant's mother, Ileine Hanna. Also a warm thank you for the cards, food and kindness shown to the family during this difficult time.
- From Barb Lamoureux and family to Betty Nadurak, the ACW and members of the Choir, for hosting the reception that was held after the "Celebration of Life" of my mother, Mary Tibble. We are also grateful for the many cards, phone calls and support in various ways that was shown to our family.

This coming week the **Stephen Ministry** training class will be considering the subject of Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close. In this presentation they will be discussing how the sometimes difficult process of bringing a caring relationship to a close can instead be turned into a relationship-strengthening event.

**"BOX OF HOPE" – Outreach Lent Project.** Just a reminder that it is time to bring back your "Boxes" full of "hope" (containing any spare change, spare bills, cheques) These funds will be directed to the John Wesley Centre; a PWRDF Orphan Support Program in Johannesburg, South Africa. If you did not get a "Box of Hope" but want to donate to this very special project, then please place your cash donation in an envelope with your name, envelope number and "Box of Hope" clearly marked on it so we can issue you with a tax receipt. If you are donating a cheque can you please make it payable to "St. Peter's Anglican Church" and indicate "Box of Hope" Project. We will continue to receive the "Boxes" for the rest of the month of April. Thank you for your very generous support to this worthwhile project from the Outreach Committee.

**Small Group Bible Study** Are you in your late 20's to early 40's? Come and connect with others in this weekly small group Bible study designed to fostering fellowship among St. Peter's "younger" adults on Mondays from 7:00pm - 9pm. Please contact Jennifer Flanders. [jenn@flandersfamily.net](mailto:jenn@flandersfamily.net)

#### **SPIRIT ZONE** (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service. Do you like working with children? Teachers are always needed. Joan can help you to job-shadow for a few weeks with an experienced teacher. Please contact Joan if you would like to participate in this very important ministry.
- **Vacation Bible School** – "**Baobab Blast. God's Great Get Together**" will again be hosted by St. Peter's from August 16 – 20, 9 am until 12 noon for children 3 – 11 years. Anyone 12 -16 is invited to be a junior leader. Come join us for a fun week of games, crafts, music and food. For further information please call Joan Hanna at 403-252-0393.

**Farewell to Richard and Rhonde** – Following the 10 am service on May 30<sup>th</sup>, a farewell lunch will be served to honour Richard's service at St. Peter's. From 2:00 – 4:00 pm there will be a *Drop In* for parishioners and friends to extend their best wishes to Richard and Rhonde and to celebrate 30 years of service in the Diocese of Calgary. For those who cannot attend, cards may be sent to the Church at 903-75<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W. T2V 0S7.

**The Stephen Lewis Foundation** to support 1000s of Grandmothers in Africa who are raising their orphaned grandchildren are now collecting sewing notions including thread, zippers, bias tape, ribbon, buttons, etc. These items will be mailed directly to Africa. There will be a collection basket for these items in the Narthex. Items will also be collected at the ACW pot luck dinner on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**MARRIAGE CONFERENCE Spring 2010** A fabulous opportunity to strengthen, enrich and foster your relationship. April 30 – May 2, 2010 at the Fairmont Banff Springs for a total of only \$178 per couple – for the weekend! – as long as there are 4 couples registering together. With guest musician Steve Bell. "Focus on each other . . . what you will hear at the conference are timeless principles for your marriage and family relationships. You will enjoy an environment that is non-threatening, fun and often hilarious! You'll hear from insightful speakers. Pick up more information at the Welcome table. Let's see if there are 4 or more couples who can register together. Send an email to Avril or call the church office.

#### **ST. PETER'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

During this year we will be celebrating 50 years of worship, fellowship and ministry at St. Peter's. Throughout this year we will be featuring various events and activities that remind us of the history of St. Peter's. The following is a schedule of some of these special events and activities to mark on your calendars:

1. Today, Sunday, April 25 - Gerry Skeet, a former choir member and now a Deacon, "The Reverend" will lead the 10am service of Sung Morning Prayer. Pam Grigg worked with Chris Fullerton in selecting the hymns and music for the service. Ellen Lee, Dave Cormack Clarence Patton and Jim Denis will collaborate in the special homily.
2. The Stampede Breakfast in July will have a historical flavour.
3. The Fall Fair in October will be tailored to show-case our 41 years of Fall Fair history.
4. September 4, 2010 will see St. Peter's hold its Annual Golf Tournament at Turner Valley. Current and former members of St. Peter's are welcome. Phone Garth Dymond for reservations (B) 403-265-7070 (R) 403-278-0317
5. Dave Cormack is organizing a special "Show and Tell" display to be set up in Cormack Hall. This will feature furnishings from St. Peter's when it was located on Glenmore Trail (now Phil's Pancake House), videos and pictures. Watch the bulletin for this special historical display on the history of St. Peter's.
6. **Special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Celebration on October 2** at the Carriage House. Surprise guest speaker. We will start selling tickets within the next couple of weeks.
7. **Special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Service on Sunday October 3** Special music, perhaps speakers, opening of our 50 year old "Time Capsule" and start a new "Time Capsule".

8. Throughout the year there will be historical “vignettes” inserted into the bulletin. These will hi-light different historical events taken from our own archives.

If you have any special historical event you wish to present please see Jim Denis, Ellen Lee or Dave Cormack and let them know your thoughts.

If you know of former St. Peter’s members please invite them to join us during this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year.

Committee members: Jim Denis, Dave Cormack, Ellen Lee, Clarence Patton, Gerry Skeet, Pam Grigg and Garth Dymond – Chair.

**Pastoral Care** – The Pastoral Care team will meet on May 2<sup>nd</sup> instead of May 16<sup>th</sup> following the 10am service. If you are interested in volunteering with Pastoral Care please call Sonia Pooran at 403-237-2963 or 403-440-9823. (Please note that Jean Reed is now receiving visitors while recovering in the Peter Lougheed Hospital).

**Spring Clean Up** – Our annual spring clean up of the Church grounds will be May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please call the office at 252-0393.

**EFM** - There will be an information evening for anyone interested in learning more about the Education for Ministry (EFM) program on Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the lower Board Room of St. Peter’s Calgary (903 75<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W). EFM is an adult education program designed to equip lay people for service as members of the Body of Christ acting in the church and the world. For more information contact The Rev. Dr. Norman Knowles at 403-254-3718 or [norman.knowles@stmu.ab.ca](mailto:norman.knowles@stmu.ab.ca).

St. Peter’s will be holding its 8<sup>th</sup> **ANNUAL golf tournament** on September 4<sup>th</sup> at Turner Valley Anyone interested is invited and if anyone has parents, brothers or sisters or daughters or sons who want to join us they are welcome. T-time would probably start at 1:00 P.M. They can contact me at ph. 265-7070 (B) or 278-0317 (R). Dinner will be Prime Roast Beef Dinner. Cost \$120.00 per golfer. Anyone who wants to join us for dinner only the cost is \$35.00 and they are welcome. The Cost of \$120.00 includes green fees, driving range privileges, dinner, prizes golf carts, GST and Gratuities. All you have to bring is a smile and your clubs and be ready for a fun day on the links. It is hoped this will be a special Anniversary tournament. I have assurances the weather will be great. Garth Dymond

#### **ACW**

- One child under the age of five years in Africa dies every 30 seconds from malaria. On behalf of the Red Cross, the ACW is launching a campaign for the purchase of mosquito nets to prevent this life threatening disease. The good news is that \$7.00 can save a life, the cost of one mosquito net. A display will be set up in Cormack Hall with more information on this program called “Malaria Bites.Net”

**SORRENTO** Consider spending part of your summer at Sorrento this year. The program materials are in and look wonderful. Lots of options. Please help yourself to the Sorrento materials in the entrance area at the Welcome Table.

Copies of Archdeacon Richard LeSueur’s Easter sermon are available in the Narthex.

## CHANCEL RENEWAL TASK FORCE AND FUNDING UPDATE

- **During the following four weeks**, material will be circulated and “listening stations” setup to gather your comments and further input. This period will be a time to reflect on the information presented.
- **Please note that there has been a small change made to the brochures handed out on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up a new one if you have one of these.**
- **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 1200 noon, in Cormack Hall, a Special Meeting of the Congregation** will be convened to provide feedback on your input, an update on the funding process and seek a decision on how we wish to proceed.

Should the congregation decide to move forward to implementation Diocesan approval will be sought to start a fund raising campaign. Thank you for your prayers, help, input and guidance in getting us to this important milestone in the life of St. Peter's. *Richard Bane, Task Force Chair and Rudy Janzen, Funding Chair.*

**Rummage, Book and Garage Sale** – May 13, 14 and 15, 2010. Our Spring sale will run from 1 pm on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> until 3 pm on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. As space is limited, we will take in donations between 9 am and 4 pm from Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> until May 11<sup>th</sup>. Set up and sorting will be as follows: Monday, 10-4; Tuesday 10-4; Wednesday, 10-6. The sale will be on Thursday, 1-8; Friday, 9:30-8; Saturday, 9:30-3. Clean up will be Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Please come out and help us to get it done in record time. Joan Dunn (403-266-4316) and Bonnie Sinclair (403-253-8098) will be calling our regular helpers but please call them if you would like to join us. You will be warmly welcomed. Lunch is provided on Wednesday and Thursday. Please contact me if you are storing items for us before bringing them. (Please note, we do not need wire hangers). Thank you – Vera Apletree (403-255-2406).

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

[www.stpeterscalgary.ca](http://www.stpeterscalgary.ca)

**Phone 252-0393**

Monday	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation
	7:00 pm	Small Group Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am	Beverly Care Centre
	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Thursday	9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	7:00 pm	EFM (Education for Ministry)
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30 am	Yoga
	7:00 pm	Youth Group