The Rededication

of

Saint George's Episcopal Church

by

The Right Reverend Peter James Lee Bishop of Virginia



The Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 2009

at ten o'clock in the morning

Saint George's Episcopal Church

Growing into Christ + Reaching out in Love

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The Liturgy for Rededication and Confirmation

Prelude

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebet In a Sentimental Mood The Spacious Firmament Blue Seven

G. P. Telemann **Duke Ellington** arr. Ingram Sonny Rollins

From the Gallery, the Bishop says

Through the ages, Almighty God has moved people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the renovation and restoration of St. George's Church, we are now gathered to rededicate it in God's name.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Receive the work of our hands in this place, set apart for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choral Introit: All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord René Clausen

The Pealing of the Bells

Processional Hymn 518: "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Westminster Abbey

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord; People: The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Everliving Father, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we dedicate this place to which we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people.

Earl Baughman: Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer for all people. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service.

Rector: Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands.

The Bishop concludes

Now, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, sanctify this place;

People: For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Bishop: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People: And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

As we sing, all children are invited to gather around the Font.

Parents and others may accompany. All may stay up front until after the Dedication of the Pulpit.

Medley: "We are one in the Spirit/Awesome God"

Sung by the Dragon Tail Singers and the Upper Elementary Singers Chris Forzano & Becky Stewart, Directors

The Bishop moves to the Font, lays a hand upon it, and says
Father, we thank you that through the waters of Baptism we die to sin
and are made new in Christ. Grant through your Spirit that those baptized
here may enjoy the liberty and splendor of the children of God.
There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Bishop: We dedicate this Font in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Facing the Font, the Bishop says

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Grant, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Bishop proceeds to the Lectern, lays a hand upon it, and says

Father, your eternal Word speaks to us through the words of Holy Scripture. Here we read about your mighty acts and purposes in history, and about those whom you chose as the agents of your will. Inspired by the revelation of your Son, we seek your present purposes. Give us ears to hear and hearts to obey.

May the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart,

People: Be acceptable to you, O Lord our God.

Bishop: We dedicate this Lectern in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

The Bishop goes to the Pulpit, lays a hand upon it, and says

Father, in every age you have spoken through the voices of prophets, pastors, and teachers. Purify the lives and the lips of those who speak here, that your word only may be proclaimed, and your word only may be heard.

Your word is a lantern to our feet,

People: And a light upon our path.

Bishop: We dedicate this pulpit in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson + Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw the astonishment of those who had seen the lame man healed, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Psalm 4 BCP 587



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

ANTIPHON

- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

ANTIPHON

The Epistle + 1st John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Hymn 205: (st. 1-4) "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"

Gelobt sie Gott

The Holy Gospel + Luke 24:36b-48

While the disciples were telling how they had seen Jesus risen from the dead, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Peter James Lee

Hymn W766: "You're called by name, forever loved"

Sara H.

The Liturgy of Confirmation

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP 415

Taylor Anne Bailey
David Mark Brunson, Jr.
Eleanore Chadburn Carey
Julia Claire Hannon Colopy
Christian Michael Dwyer
Kathleen Elizabeth Gayle
Mary Gray Johnson
Wallace Nelson King, Jr.
Anne Mason Moncure
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The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 416

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP 305

Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation

BCP 418

The Bishop concludes the Rite of Confirmation by praying

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit every be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Bishop continues

Almighty God, all times are your seasons, and all occasions invite your tender mercies: Accept our prayers and intercessions offered in this place today and in the days to come; through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. **Amen**.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified this place and furnished it for the celebration of your holy mysteries. Accept and bless all we have done, and grant that in these earthly things we may behold the order and beauty of things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Bishop then says
Let us pray for the setting apart of the Altar.

The Bishop goes to the Table and, with arms extended, says

We praise you, Almighty and eternal God, that for us and for our salvation, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be born among us, that through him we might become your sons and daughters.

People: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

Bishop: We praise you for his life on earth, and for his death upon the cross, through which he offered himself as a perfect sacrifice.

People: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

Bishop: We praise you for raising him from the dead, and for exalting him to be our great High Priest.

People: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

Bishop: We praise you for sending your Holy Spirit to make us holy, and to unite us in your holy Church.

People: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

The Bishop lays a hand upon the Table, and continues

Lord God, hear us. Sanctify this Table dedicated to you. Let it be to us a sign of the heavenly Altar where your saints and angels praise you for ever. Accept here the continual recalling of the sacrifice of your Son. Grant that all who eat and drink at this holy Table may be fed and refreshed by his flesh and blood, be forgiven for their sins, united with one another, and strengthened for your service.

People: Blessed be your Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; now and for endless ages. Amen.

Bells are rung and music is played as members of the Altar Guild vest the Altar, place vessels on it, and candles are lighted.

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The bishop and other clergy and the people greet one another.

The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offertory: "We the Lord's people" (Bowers/Dirksen/Vreeland)

Decatur Place

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting, praise him who called us out of sin and darkness into his own light, that he might anoint us a royal priesthood.

This is the Lord's house, home of all his people, school for the faithful, refuge for the sinner, rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary; all find a welcome.

This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making, day of creation, day of resurrection,

day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet, day for rejoicing.

In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered, that Christ may take them, bless them, break, & give them to all his people, his own life imparting, food everlasting.

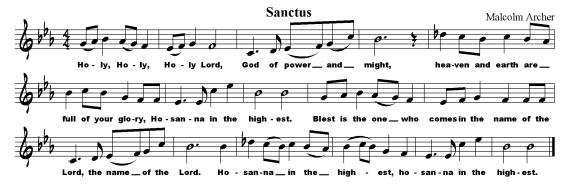
Presentation Hymn 205: (st. 5) "To God the Father, God the Son"

Gelobt sie Gott

To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One, we sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

BCP 361



At the Breaking of the Bread: Hymn 333

Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted Now the kneeling

Now the plea Now the Father's arms in welcome Now the hearing Now the power

Now the vessel brimmed for pouring Now the Body Now the Blood Now the joyful celebration

Now the wedding Now the songs Now the heart forgiven leaping Now the Spirit's visitation

Now the Son's ephiphany Now the Father's blessing Now Now Now

Music during Communion

Bell Anthem: "It is well with my soul"

Hymn 517: "How lovely is thy dwelling place"

Hymn 657: "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Hymn W791: "Peace before us"

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Truro

Postcommunion Prayer

The Bishop's Blessing

Processional Hymn 182: "Christ is alive!"

The Dismissal

Postlude: Cha cha cha Chucho Valdez

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