



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day, Year C

January 3, 2010

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
11:15 a.m.
The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant

The Word of God

At the Procession

Hymnal #124 What star is this, with beams so bright

Puer nobis

Entrance Rite

BCP 355

Song of Praise

Hymnal #S278 Glory to God—*Gloria in excelsis*

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The Gradual

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O / LORD • of / hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh re/joyce • in the / liv•ing / God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may / lay • her / young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my / Kīng / and • my / God.
- 3 Happy are they who / dwell in • your / house! *
they will / always • be / prais•ing / you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose / strength is • in / you! *
whose hearts are / set • on the / pil•grims' / way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a / place • of / springs, *
for the early rains have / covered it • with / pools • of / water.
- 6 They will climb from / height • to / height, *
and the God of gods will re/veal • him/self • in / Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, / hear • my / prayer; *
-- / hearken, • O / God • of / Jacob.
- 8 Behold our de/fender, • O / God; *
and look upon the / face • of / your • A/nointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my / öwn / room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to / dwell in • the / tents of • the / wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both / sun • and / shield; *
-- / he • will give / grace • and / glory;
- 11 No good thing will the / LORD • with/hold *
from / those • who / walk with • in/tegrity.
- 12 O / LORD • of / hosts, *
happy are they who / put • their / trust • in / you!

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you

may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

At the Sequence

Hymnal # 117 Brightest and best

Morning Star

The Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Sermon The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory Three Great Kings

arr. Mark Schweizer

Chancel Choir

Hymn at the Presentation

Hymnal #380, v. 3 Praise God from whom all blessing flow

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The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Hymnal #S128 Holy, holy, holy Lord--*Sanctus*

William Mathias

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Hymnal #S165 Jesus, Lamb of God—*Agnus Dei*

William Mathias

Hymns at the Communion

Hymnal #98 Unto us a boy is born!

Puer nobis nascitur

Hymnal #112 In the bleak midwinter

Cranham

Hymnal #517 How lovely is thy dwelling-place

Brother James' Air

Hymnal # 383 Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

People's response to the sending out of the Eucharistic Visitors:

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing

BCP 366

Hymn at the Procession

Hymnal #119 As with gladness men of old

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Dismissal
