



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 30, 2011

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two 11:15 a.m.

### The Word of God

#### At the Procession

Hymnal #555 Lead on, O King eternal

*Lancashire*

#### Opening Acclamation and The Collect for Purity

**BCP 355**

#### Song of Praise

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

William Mathias

#### The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Old Testament

##### Isaiah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## The Gradual

### Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

Richard Woodward (1784-1777)

- 1 Lord, who may / dwell in ▪ your / tabernacle? \*  
who may abide up/on ▪ your / ho·ly / hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and / does what ▪ is / right, \*  
who / speaks ▪ the / truth ▪ from his / heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no / evil ▪ to his / friend; \*  
he does not heap con/tempt ▪ up/on ▪ his / neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the / wicked ▪ is re/jected, \*  
but he honors / those ▪ who / fear ▪ the / Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to / do ▪ no / wrong \*  
and / does not ▪ take / back ▪ his / word.
- 6 He does not give his money in / hope ▪ of / gain, \*  
nor does he take a / bribe ▪ a/gainst ▪ the / innocent.
- † 7 Whoever / does ▪ these / things \*  
shall / never ▪ be / o·ver/thrown.

† *Second half of chant*

## The Epistle

### 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**At the Sequence**

Hymnal #601 O day of God, draw nigh

*St. Michael*

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 5: 1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**The Sermon** The Right Reverend Charles F. Duvall

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People, Form II**

**BCP 385**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

**The Peace**

**The Holy Communion**

**At the Offertory** O Radiant Light (*Latin refrain: "Shed your light in our hearts."*)  
*Chancel Choir*

Gustav Holst

**Hymn At the Presentation**

Hymnal #119, vv. 1 and 3

*Dix*

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 361**

Hymnal #S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord--*Sanctus*

Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Hymnal #328, vv. 1-2, 5

*Song 46*

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy Blood for your outpoured.  
Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,  
With souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.  
Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.

**Hymns at the Communion**

Hymnal #335 I am the bread of life  
Hymnal #660 O Master, let me walk with thee  
Hymnal #439 What wondrous love is this

*I Am the Bread*  
*Maryton*  
*Wondrous Love*

**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 #556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

*Marion*

**Dismissal**

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