



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21 Year B

September 27, 2009

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite One**  
**7:45 a.m.**  
**The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant**

**The Word of God**

**Entrance Rite** **BCP 323**  
**The Collect of the Day**  
**The Lessons**

[Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22](#)

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**The Sermon** The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery

**The Nicene Creed** **BCP 327**

**The Prayers of the People, Form III** **BCP 387**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution** **BCP 330**

**The Peace**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory** **BCP 340**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II** **BCP 337**

**The Breaking of the Bread** **BCP 337**

**The Communion** **BCP 339**

**Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing** **BCP 339**

**Hymn at the Procession** Hymnal #450, v.1 All hail the power of Jesus' name *Coronation*

**Dismissal**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant**

**The Word of God**

**Opening Acclamation and The Collect for Purity** **BCP 355**

**Hymn of Praise** *Coronation*  
Hymnal #450, vv. 1-3 All hail the power of Jesus' name

## The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

### Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

## The Gradual

### Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## The Epistle

### James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with

oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**At the Sequence** Festival Alleluias

Dooner/Stairs

(Procession to Children's Chapel for 3K, 4K, and 5K. Children will return at the Peace.)

### **The Gospel**

#### **John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**The Sermon** The Reverend John M. Barr III

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

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

**BCP 387**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

**The Peace**

### **The Holy Communion**

**At the Offertory** You Raise Me Up

Rolf Løvland/Brendan Graham

### **Hymn at the Presentation**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer D**

**BCP 372**

WLP #858 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" *Sanctus*

*Land of Rest*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Hymnal #325, v. 1 Let us break bread together on our knees

**BCP 364**

*Let Us Break Bread*

**Hymns at the Communion**

Hymnal # 8 "Morning has broken"

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Hymnal # 686 "Come thou fount of every blessing"

Hymnal # 654 "Day By Day"

arr. by Cat Stevens

Peter Scholtes

arr. by Sufjan Stevens

**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 365**

**Hymn at the Procession**

Hymnal #556, vv. 1- 4 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

*Marion*

**Dismissal**

**They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love**

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord (*repeat*)

And together we'll spread the news

That God is in our land...*Chorus*

And we pray that all unity

May one day be restored

We will work with each other

We will work side by side (*repeat*)

*Chorus*

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians

By our love

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand (*repeat*)

And we'll guard each man's dignity

And save each man's pride...*Chorus*

All praise to the Father

From whom all things come

And all praise to

Christ Jesus His only Son

And all praise to

The Spirit who makes us one...*Chorus*

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