



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B

December 21, 2008

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**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Canticle 3

Romans 16: 25-27

Luke 1: 26-38

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

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 327**

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

**BCP 385**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**BCP 330**

**The Peace**

### The Holy Communion

**Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II**

**BCP 340**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 337**

**The Communion**

**Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing**

**BCP 339**

**Hymn at the Procession** Hymnal #56, vv. 1-2 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

**Dismissal**

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

9:00 a.m.

The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson, Celebrant

### The Word of God

**Opening Acclamation and The Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

**Hymn of Praise**

Hymnal #56, vv. 1-4 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

## **The Collect of the Day**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The First Lesson**

### **2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

## **The Gradual** *spoken, standing*

### **Canticle 3—The Song of Mary *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55)**

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
2. For he hath regarded \*  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
3. For behold from henceforth \*  
all generations shall call me blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
and holy is his Name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
Throughout all generations.
6. He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
9. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

## **The Epistle**

### **Romans 16:25-27**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

**At the Sequence**

“Sanctuary”

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

**The Gospel**

**Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

**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**

“You are Holy (Prince of Peace)”

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*Selah*

**Hymn at the Presentation**

Hymnal #380, v. 3 “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

WLP #858 “Holy, holy, holy Lord” *Sanctus*

**BCP 361**

*Land of Rest*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Hymnal #325, v. 1 “Let us break bread together”

**BCP 364**

*Let Us Break Bread*

**Hymns at the Communion**

Hymnal #66 “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

*Stuttgart*

Hymnal #76 “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”

*Winchester New*

Hymnal #383 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*St. Elizabeth*

Hymnal #488 “Be thou my vision”

*Slane*

**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 #74 “Blest be the King whose coming”

*Valet will ich dir geben*

## Dismissal

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### Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living sanctuary for You

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### You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace)

You are holy (ECHO)  
You are mighty (ECHO)  
You are worthy (ECHO)  
Worthy of praise (ECHO)  
I will follow (ECHO)  
I will listen (ECHO)  
I will love You (ECHO)  
All of my days (ECHO)

You are the Lord of lords You are the King of kings (I will sing to and worship)  
You are my mighty God Lord of everything (The King who is worthy)  
You are Emmanuel You are the Great I Am (And I will love and adore Him)  
You are the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb (And I will bow down before Him)  
You are my living God You are my saving grace (And I will sing to and worship)  
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days (The King who is worthy)  
You are the Alpha Omega Beginning and End (And I will love and adore Him)  
You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend (And I will bow down before Him)

You are my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

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