



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B

February 8, 2009

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 #536 "Open your ears, O faithful people"

*Torah Song*

**Entrance Rite**

**BCP 355**

**Song of Praise**

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

William Mathias

### The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The First Lesson

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## The Gradual

### Psalm 147:1-12, 21c Laudate Dominum

- 1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing / praises • to our / God! \*  
how pleasant it is to / ho•nor / him • with / praise!
- 2 The LORD re/builds • Je/rusalem; \*  
he / gathers • the / exiles • of / Israel.
- 3 He heals the / bro•ken/hearted \*  
and / binds / up • their / wounds.
- 4 He counts the / number • of the / stars \*  
and / calls • them / all • by their / names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and / mighty • in / power; \*  
there is no / lim•it / to • his / wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts / up • the / lowly, \*  
but casts the / wick•ed / to • the / ground.
- 7 Sing to the / LORD • with / thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our / God • up/on • the / harp.
- 8 He covers the / heavens • with / clouds \*  
and pre/pares / rain for • the / earth;
- † 9 He makes grass to / grow up•on the / mountains \*  
and green / plants • to / serve • man/kind.
- 10 He provides food for / flocks • and / herds \*  
and for the young / rav•ens / when • they / cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the / might of • a / horse; \*  
he has no / pleasure • in the / strength of • a / man;
- † 12 But the LORD has pleasure in / those • who / fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious / fa•vor. / Hal•le/lujah!

† *Second half of chant*

## The Epistle

### 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might

win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**At the Sequence**

Hymnal #538 “God of mercy, God of grace”

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

**The Gospel**

**Mark 1:29-39**

Jesus left the synagogue at Capernaum, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

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

**BCP 383**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

**The Peace**

**The Holy Communion**

**At the Offertory:** “Morning Has Broken”

Arr. Arlen Clarke

*Chancel Choir*

**Hymn at the Presentation**

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

*Old 100th*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 361**

Hymnal #S128 “Holy, holy, holy Lord” *Sanctus*

William Mathias

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 364**

Hymnal #S161 “O Lamb of God”

David Hurd

**Hymns at the Communion**

WLP #881 “I will trust in the Lord”

Haywood

Hymnal #482 “Lord of all hopefulness”

*Slane*

Hymnal #339 “Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

*Schmücke dich*

**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 #539 “O Zion, haste”

*Tidings*

**Dismissal**

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