



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 13, 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 #637 How firm a foundation

*Lyons*

#### 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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

##### **Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20**

If you choose, you can keep the commandments,  
and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.  
He has placed before you fire and water;  
stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.  
Before each person are life and death,  
and whichever one chooses will be given.  
For great is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is mighty in power and sees everything;  
his eyes are on those who fear him,  
and he knows every human action.  
He has not commanded anyone to be wicked,  
and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

## The Gradual

### Psalm 119:1-8 *Aleph: Beati immaculati*

Richard Woodward (1784-1777)



- 1 Happy are they whose / way • is / blameless, \*  
who / walk in • the / law of • the / LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who ob/serve • his de/crees \*  
and / seek him • with / all • their / hearts!
- 3 Who never do / any / wrong, \*  
but / always / walk in • his / ways.
- 4 You laid / down • your com/mandments, \*  
that / we should / fully / keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were / made • so di/rect \*  
that / I might / keep your / statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be / put to / shame, \*  
when I re/gard all / your com/mandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an / unfeigned / heart, \*  
when I have / learned your / righteous / judgments.
- 8 I will / keep your / statutes; \*  
--- / do not / utterly • for/sake me.

## The Epistle

### 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

## At the Sequence

Hymnal #665 O Jesus, I have promised

*Nyland*

## The Gospel

### Matthew 5: 21-37

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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

**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** From *Christus*: There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth  
*Chancel Choir*

Felix Mendelssohn

### Hymn a 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 C**

**BCP 369**

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

Richard Proulx

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Hymnal #328, vv. 1-2  
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.

*Song 46*

**Hymns at the Communion**

WLP #763 As we gather at your table  
Hymnal #339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness  
Hymnal #306 Come, rise Lord, and deign to be our guest

*Raquel*  
*Schmücke dich*  
*Sursum Corda*

**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 #435 At the Name of Jesus

*King's Weston*

**Dismissal**