



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday of Advent, Year B

November 30, 2008

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

WLP #721 "Signs of endings all around us"

Ton-y-Botel

Entrance Rite

BCP 355

Song of Praise

Hymnal #S102 "Holy God" *Trisagion*

Archangelsky

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us. (*Sing 3 times*)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
 because you hid yourself we transgressed.
 We have all become like one who is unclean,
 and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
 We all fade like a leaf,
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
 There is no one who calls on your name,
 or attempts to take hold of you;
 for you have hidden your face from us,
 and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;
 we are all the work of your hand.
 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
 and do not remember iniquity forever.
 Now consider, we are all your people.

The Gradual

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading / Joseph • like a / flock; *
 shine forth, you that are en/throned • up/on • the / cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, / Benjamin, • and Ma/nasseh, *
 stir up your / strength • and / come • to / help us.
- 3 Restore us, O / God • of / hosts; *
 show the light of your / countenance, • and / we shall • be / saved.
- 4 O LORD / God • of / hosts, *
 how long will you be angered
 de/spite • the / prayers of • your / people?
- 5 You have fed them with the / bread • of / tears; *
 you have given them / bowls • of / tears • to / drink.
- 6 You have made us the de/rision • of our / neighbors, *
 and our / ene•mies / laugh us • to / scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O / God • of / hosts; *
 show the light of your / countenance, • and / we shall • be / saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the / man of • your / right hand, *
 the son of man you have / made • so / strong for • your/self.
- 17 And so will we never / turn • a/way from you; *
 give us life, that we may / call • up/on • your / Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD / God • of / hosts; *
 show the light of your / countenance, • and / we shall • be / saved.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the Sequence

Hymnal #56, vv. 1-3 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake-- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Sermon The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form V

BCP 389

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory "Zion Hears The Watchmen Singing" *from Cantata 140*
Chancel Choir Women

J.S. Bach

Hymn at the Presentation

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

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

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Hymnal #S114 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" *Sanctus*

Healey Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal #S158 “O Lamb of God”

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (Repeat)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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Hymns at the Communion

WLP #723 “Isaiah the prophet has written of old”

Hymnal #73 “The King shall come when morning dawns”

Hymnal #439 “What wondrous love is this”

The First Song of Isaiah (Canticle 9)—Setting by Jack Noble White

American Traditional

Tune: Kentucky Harmony

Wondrous Love

BCP p. 86

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

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Hymn at the Procession

Hymnal #57 “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending”

Helmsley

Dismissal

The Hymns of Advent:

The hymns that we sing today, the first Sunday in Advent and the first Sunday of the church year, are from widely varying authors and composers from different times.

- The excellent new (1982) hymn, “Isaiah the prophet has written of old” sets the eschatological text and sense of Isaiah 55:12-13 to an American folk melody arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw, long-time conductor of the Atlanta Symphony and prolific arranger of American choral music.
- The text of “The King shall come when morning dawns,” a fervent and energetic presentation of the Advent theme of expectation, is an ancient Greek hymn of unknown origin, paired today with another American folk melody—this one from *Kentucky Harmony*.
- “O come, O come, Emmanuel” is a ninth century Latin carol sung during the Advent season in Medieval times (and later) as a processional, possibly originating as a Vesper antiphon. (Scripture References: Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23) Believers can rejoice with God’s people of all ages--Christ the Messiah did come long ago. Yet he now is awaited with the same urgent expectation for his second advent, when victory over sin and death will be final.

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