



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B

February 22, 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 #135 "Songs of thankfulness and praise"

Salzburg

Entrance Rite

BCP 355

***Song of Praise** Hymnal #S278 "Glory to God" *Gloria in excelsis*

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

***The Gradual**

Psalm 50:1-6 *Deus deorum*

- 1 The LORD, the God of / gods, • has / spoken; *
he has called the earth from the / rising • of the / sun • to its / setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, / perfect • in its / beauty, *
God re/veals • him/self • in / glory.
- 3 Our God will come and / will not • keep / silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round a/bout him • a / rag•ing / storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the / earth • from a/bove *
to witness the / judg•ment / of • his / people.
- 5 "Gather before me my / loy•al / followers, *
those who have made a covenant with / me • and / sealed it • with / sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the / rightness • of his / cause; *
for / God • him/self • is / judge.

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

At the Sequence

Hymnal #129 "Christ upon the mountain peak"

Mowsley

The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Sermon The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery

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: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Chancel Choir

Hymn at the Presentation

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

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer D

Hymnal #S128 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" *Sanctus*

BCP 372

William Mathias

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal #S161 "O Lamb of God"

BCP 364

David Hurd

Hymns at the Communion

Hymnal #134 "O Light of Light, Love given birth"

Jesu dulcis memoria

Hymnal #465 "Eternal light, shine in my heart"

Ach blieb bei uns

Hymnal #178 "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord"

Alleluia No. 1

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 #618 "Ye watchers and ye holy ones"

Lasst uns erfreuen

Dismissal

*** Late comers maybe seated**

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