



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

December 12, 2010

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 #72 Hark! the glad sound!

Richmond

Entrance Rite

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal #S100 Holy God *Trisagion*

David Hurd

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

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The Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."
 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
 then the lame shall leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
 and streams in the desert;
 the burning sand shall become a pool,
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;
 the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
 A highway shall be there,
 and it shall be called the Holy Way;
 the unclean shall not travel on it,
 but it shall be for God's people;
 no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
 No lion shall be there,
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
 they shall not be found there,
 but the redeemed shall walk there.
 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
 and come to Zion with singing;
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
 they shall obtain joy and gladness,
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

(Ushers will seat latecomers.)

The Gradual

Psalm 146:4-9 *Lauda, anima mea*



- 4 *Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help!**
whose hope is / in the LORD their God;
- 5 *Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them; **
who keeps his pro/mise for ever;
- 6 *Who gives justice to those who are / oppressed, **
and food to / those who hunger.
- 7 *The LORD sets the prisoners free;*
*the LORD opens the eyes / of the blind; **
the LORD lifts up / those who are bowed down;
- 8 *The LORD loves the righteous;*
*the LORD cares for the / stranger; **
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way / of the wicked.
- 9 *The LORD shall reign for / ever, **
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
/ Hallelujah!

The Epistle

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

(Ushers will seat latecomers.)

At the Sequence

Hymnal #59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

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

The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Sermon The Rev. 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 Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

Arr. Simon Andrews

Hymn at the Presentation

Hymnal #438

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice,
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice!

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Hymnal #S127 Holy, holy, holy Lord--*Sanctus*

Calvin Hampton

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant concludes, singing:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant *People*
A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Hymnal # 66, vv. 1 & 4 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Hymns at the Communion

Hymnal #487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

WLP #724 People, look East

Besançon Carol

Hymnal # 482 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

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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