



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

December 12, 2010

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## The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

7:45 a.m.

The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant

### The Word of God

<b>Entrance Rite</b>	<b>BCP 323</b>
<b>The Collect of the Day</b>	
<b>The Lessons</b> Isaiah 35:1-10	
Psalm 146:4-9 <i>Lauda, anima mea</i>	
James 5:7-10	
Matthew 11:2-11	
<b>The Sermon</b> The Rev. J. Fletcher Montgomery	
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	<b>BCP 327</b>
<b>The Prayers of the People</b>	<b>BCP 328</b>
<b>Confession of Sin and Absolution</b>	<b>BCP 330</b>
<b>The Peace</b>	

### The Holy Communion

<b>Offertory</b>	
<b>The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I</b>	<b>BCP 333</b>
<b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>	<b>BCP 337</b>
<b>The Communion</b>	
<b>Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing</b>	<b>BCP 339</b>
<b>Hymn at the Procession</b>	
Hymnal #74, v. 1 Blest be the King whose coming	<i>Valet will ich dir geben</i>
<b>Dismissal</b>	

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## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

9:00 a.m.

The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant

### The Word of God

<b>Opening Acclamation and the Collect for Purity</b>	<b>BCP 355</b>
<b>Hymn of Praise at the Procession</b>	
Hymnal #72 Hark! the glad sound!	<i>Richmond</i>

### 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 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, vv. 1-3 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.

