



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

December 19, 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 #436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

*Truro*

#### 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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### The Old Testament

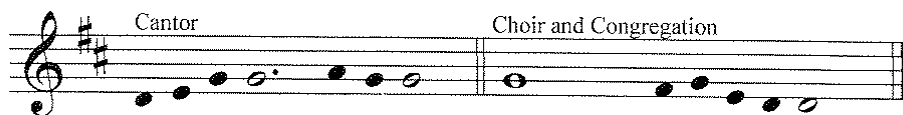
##### Isaiah 7:10-16

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

*(Ushers will seat latecomers.)*

## 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 enthroned 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  
despite 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 derision of our / neighbors, \*  
and our enemies / 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 yourself.*
- 17 *And so will we never turn a/way from you; \*  
give us life, that we may / call upon your Name.*
- 18 *Restore us, O LORD / God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and / we shall be saved.*

## The Epistle

### Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

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

*(Ushers will seat latecomers.)*

## At the Sequence

Hymnal #265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

*Gabriel's Message*

## The Gospel

### Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**The Sermon** The Rev. 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** Breath of Heaven

Amy Grant

*Katy Hinson, Soloist*

**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.

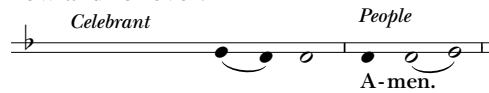
Hymnal #S127 Holy, holy, holy Lord--*Sanctus*

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.



### **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 #268 Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

*Julion*

Hymnal # 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

Hymnal #277 Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

*Raquel*

### **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 #65 Prepare the way, O Zion

*Bereden väg för Herran*

### **Dismissal**