



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 27A

November 9, 2008

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One
7:45 a.m.
The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant

The Word of God

Entrance Rite **BCP 323**
The Collect of the Day
The Lessons
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

The Sermon The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson
The Nicene Creed **BCP 327**
The Prayers of the People, Form II **BCP 385**
Confession of Sin and Absolution **BCP 330**
The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I **BCP 333**
The Breaking of the Bread **BCP 337**
The Communion
Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing **BCP 339**
Hymn at the Procession Hymnal #688, v. 1 "A mighty fortress is our God" *Ein feste Burg*
Dismissal

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
9:00 a.m.
The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson, Celebrant

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation and The Collect for Purity **BCP 355**

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal #688 "A mighty fortress is our God"

Ein feste Burg

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors-- Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor-- lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD; for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Gradual

Psalm 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule*

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my / people; *
incline your ears to the words of my / mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a / parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient / times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have / told us, *
we will not hide from their / children.

- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the / LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has / done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for / Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their / children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet un/born; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their / children;
- †7 So that they might put their trust in /God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his com/mandments;

† Second half of chant

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

At the Sequence

Hymnal #711, v. 1 "Seek ye first"

Seek Ye First

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

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Sermon The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People, Form II

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Peace

BCP 358

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The Holy Communion

At the Offertory “The Call”

John Bane, Soloist

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Hymn at the Presentation

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

Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

WLP #858 “Holy, holy, holy Lord” *Sanctus*

BCP 369

Land of Rest

The Breaking of the Bread

WLP #763, v. 1 “As we gather at your table”

BCP 364

Raquel

Hymns at the Communion

WLP #775 “Give thanks for life”

Hymnal #324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Hymnal #655 "O Jesus, I have promised"

Hymnal #691 “My faith looks up to thee”

Sine nomine

Picardy

Nyland

Olivet

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 #657 “Love divine, all loves excelling”

Hyfrydol

Dismissal
