



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 Two
11:15 a.m.
The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant

The Word of God

At the Procession

Hymnal #688 "A mighty fortress is our God"

Ein feste Burg

Entrance Rite

BCP 355

Song of Praise

Hymnal #S236 "Glory to you" *Benedictus es, Domine*

John Rutter

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 / an•cient / 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 / wörks / he • has / done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a / law • for / Israel, *
which he com/manded 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 #68 "Rejoice! Rejoice believers"

Llangloffan

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

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 "Teach Me, O Lord"

Chancel Choir

Thomas Attwood

Hymn at the Presentation

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

Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

Hymnal #S114 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" *Sanctus*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

BCP 369

Healey Willan

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal #S158 "O Lamb of God"

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (Repeat)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

BCP 364

Healey Willan

Hymns at the Communion

Hymnal #324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Hymnal #549 "Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult"

WLP #721 "Signs of endings all around us"

WLP #775 "Give thanks for life"

Picardy

St. Andrew

Ton-y-Botel

Sine nomine

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

At the Offertory: “Teach Me, O Lord” Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Thomas Attwood stands astride a pivotal era in the history of sacred music. His father, a trumpeter and violist also named Thomas Attwood, served in the court of King George III. The younger Attwood was attached to the court of the Prince of Wales, who was so impressed with the young man’s talents that he arranged for Attwood to study in Naples with Cinque and Latilla, and later, in Vienna with Mozart. Mozart considered Attwood one of his brightest students and Attwood’s subsequent orchestral and choral works owed much to the style of Mozart. In today’s offertory anthem, *Teach Me, O Lord*, Attwood’s delectable four-part harmonies and subtle contrapuntal refinements are reminiscent of Mozart’s sacred masterwork, *Ave, verum corpus*. Thomas Attwood became organist and at St. Paul’s Cathedral, where he was both friend and patron of Felix Mendelssohn and a founder of the Philharmonic Society, where he became the first to lead English performances of Mozart’s last symphonies and Beethoven’s immortal Fifth Symphony. At his death, Attwood was buried with state honors beneath the organ at St. Paul’s.

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