



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 4, 2009

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

11:15 a.m.

The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson, Celebrant

The Word of God

At the Procession

Hymnal #100 "Joy to the world!"

Antioch

Entrance Rite

BCP 355

Song of Praise

Hymnal #S278 "Glory to God" *Gloria in excelsis*

Mathias

The Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The Gradual

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O / LORD • of / hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh re/joyce • in the / liv•ing / God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may / lay • her / young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my / King / and • my / God.
- 3 Happy are they who / dwell in • your / house! *
they will / always • be / prais•ing / you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose / strength is • in / you! *
whose hearts are / set • on the / pil•grims' / way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a / place • of / springs, *
for the early rains have / covered it • with / pools • of / water.
- 6 They will climb from / height • to / height, *
and the God of gods will re/veal • him/self • in / Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, / hear • my / prayer; *
-- / hearken, • O / God • of / Jacob.
- 8 Behold our de/fender, • O / God; *
and look upon the / face • of / your • A/nointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my / öwn / room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to / dwell in • the / tents of • the / wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both / sun • and / shield; *
-- / he • will give / grace • and / glory;
- 11 No good thing will the / LORD • with/hold *
from / those • who / walk with • in/tegrity.
- 12 O / LORD • of / hosts, *
happy are they who / put • their / trust • in / you!

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

At the Sequence

Hymnal #119 "As with gladness men of old"

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The Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Sermon The Reverend 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 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Chancel Choir; Monica Johnston, Violin

J. S. Bach

Hymn at the Presentation

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

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

Hymnal #S129 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" *Sanctus*

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.

BCP 369

Robert Powell

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal #S161 "O Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (Repeat)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

BCP 364

David Hurd

Hymns at the Communion

Hymnal #115 "What child is this"

Hymnal #117 "Brightest and best"

Greensleeves

Morning Star

Hymnal #81 “Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming”
Hymnal #112 “In the bleak midwinter”

*Es ist ein Ros
Cranham*

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 #96 “Angels we have heard on high”

Gloria

Dismissal

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