



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

December 20, 2009

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

7:45 a.m.

The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson, Celebrant

### The Word of God

**Entrance Rite**

**BCP 323**

**The Collect of the Day**

**The Lessons**

[Micah 5:2-5a](#)

[Psalm 80: 1-7](#)

[Hebrews 10:5-10](#)

[Luke 1:39-55](#)

**The Sermon** The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 327**

**The Prayers of the People, Form III**

**BCP 387**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**BCP 330**

**The Peace**

### The Holy Communion

**Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II**

**BCP 340**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 337**

**The Communion**

**Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing**

**BCP 339**

**Hymn at the Procession** Hymnal # 66 Come, thou long expected Jesus

*Stuttgart*

**Dismissal**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant**

**The Word of God**

**Opening Acclamation and The Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

**Hymn of Praise**

Hymnal #72 Hark! the glad sound!

*Richmond*

**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**

**Micah 5:2-5a**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

(Ushers will seat latecomers.)

**The Gradual**

**Psalm 80:1-7**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a / flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon 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.

†*Second half of chant*

## **The Epistle**

### **Hebrews 10:5-10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' in the scroll of the book it is written of me." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" these are offered according to the law, then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

(Ushers will seat latecomers.)

## **At the Sequence**

Hymnal #383, v. 1 Fairest Lord Jesus

*St. Elizabeth*

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

## **The Gospel**

### **Luke 1:39-55**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

**The Sermon** The Reverend Mary Moore Roberson

**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

Welcome to Our World  
*Selah*

Chris Rice

### Hymn at the Presentation

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

*Old 100th*

### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Hymnal #S130 Holy, holy, holy Lord--*Sanctus*

**BCP 361**

Franz Schubert

### The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal #325, v. 1 Let us break bread together on our knees

**BCP 364**

*Let Us Break Bread*

### Hymns at the Communion

WLP #827 O Lord, hear my prayer  
Bulletin p. 4 Here I am to worship  
Hymnal #711 Seek ye first  
WLP #831 Ubi Caritas

Jacques Berthier  
Tim Hughes  
*Seek ye first*  
Jacques Berthier

### 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 #438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

*Woodlands*

### Dismissal

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### Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you  
Hope of a life spent with you

Chorus:  
Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that you're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in Heaven above  
Humbly you came to the earth you created  
All for love's sake became poor...*Chorus*

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