



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B

February 1, 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

Voluntary: Canzon (1620/21)

Giovanni Battista Riccio

Mark Leach, Flautino (soprano recorder--modeled after a Venetian instrument, ca. 1660)

The Word of God

At the Procession: Hymnal #493 "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

Azmon

Entrance Rite

BCP 355

Song of Praise

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

Mathias

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said, The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak-- that prophet shall die."

The Gradual

Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi*

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my / whole / heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, / in • the / con•gre/gation.

2 Great are the / deeds of • the / LORD! *

they are / studied • by / all • who de/light in them.

3 His work is full of / majesty • and / splendor, *

and his / righteousness • en/dures • for / ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to / be • re/membered; *

the LORD is / gracious • and / full of • com/passion.

5 He gives food to / those • who / fear him; *

he is ever / mind•ful / of • his / covenant.

6 He has shown his people the / power • of his / works *

in / giving them • the / lands of • the / nations.

7 The works of his hands are / faithfulness • and / justice; *

-- / all • his com/mandments • are / sure.

8 They stand fast for / ever • and / ever, *

because they are / done • in / truth • and / equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his / covenant • for / ever; *

holy and / awe•some / is • his / Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the be/ginning • of / wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding;

his / praise • en/dures • for / ever.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth-- as in fact there are many gods and many lords-- yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus

sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

At the Sequence

Hymnal #530 "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

Gott sei Dank

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Sermon The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory: "Saw You Never in the Twilight"

Harold Friedell

Chamber Singers

Hymn at the Presentation

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

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

Hymnal #S128 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" *Sanctus*

William Mathias

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Hymnal #S161 "O Lamb of God"

David Hurd

Hymns at the Communion

Choir "Love Divine, all loves excelling"

Blaenwern (Welsh)

Hymnal #711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

Seek Ye First

Hymnal #304 "I come with joy"

Land of Rest

WLP #765 "O blessed spring"

Berglund

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 #438 "Tell out, my soul"

Woodlands

Dismissal

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