



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B

February 15, 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 #435 "At the Name of Jesus"

*King's Weston*

**Entrance Rite**

**BCP 355**

**Song of Praise** Hymnal #S278 "Glory to God" *Gloria in excelsis*

William Mathias

### The Collect of the Day

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

#### 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh

shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

## The Gradual

### Psalm 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have / lifted • me / up \*  
and have not let my / ene•mies / tri•umph / over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried / out • to / you, \*  
and / you • re/stored me • to / health.
- 3 You brought me up, O / LORD, • from the / dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was / go•ing / down to • the / grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you / servants • of / his; \*  
give thanks for the re/mem•brance / of • his / holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the / twinkling • of an / eye, \*  
his / fa•vor / for • a / lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may / spend • the / night, \*  
but / jöy / comes in • the / morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall / never • be dis/turbed. \*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as / ströng / as • the / mountains."
- 8 Then you / hid • your / face, \*  
and / I • was / filled • with / fear.
- 9 I cried to / you, • O / LORD; \*  
I / pleaded • with the / Lörd, / saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go / down to • the / Pit? \*  
will the dust / praise you • or de/clare • your / faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have / mercy • up/on me; \*  
O / LÖRD, / be • my / helper."
- 12 You have turned my / wailing • into / dancing; \*  
you have put off my / sack-cloth • and / clothed me • with / joy.
- † 13 Therefore my heart sings to / you with•out / ceasing; \*  
O LORD my God, I will / give • you / thanks • for / ever.

† *Second half of chant*

## The Epistle

### 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

## At the Sequence

Hymnal #609 "Where cross the crowded ways of life"

*Gardiner*

## The Gospel

### Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

**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:** "He Comes to Us"

*Chancel Choir*

Jane Marshall

**Hymn at the Presentation**

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

*Old 100th*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B**

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

**BCP 367**

William Mathias

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Hymnal #S161 "O Lamb of God"

**BCP 364**

David Hurd

**Hymns at the Communion**

Hymnal #307 "Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor"

Hymnal #336 "Come with us, O blessed Jesus"

WLP #819 "Guide my feet Lord"

*Bryn Calfaria*

*Werde munter*

Traditional Spiritual

**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 #413 "New songs of celebration render"

*Rendez á Dieu*

**Dismissal**

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**Today's Offertory Anthem:**

**"He Comes to Us" Music by Jane Marshall; Text by Albert Schweitzer/P. Nicolai**

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name,  
As of old, by the lakeside He came to those men who knew Him not.  
He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: "Follow! Follow thou me!"  
and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.  
He commands, and to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple,  
He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings  
which they shall pass through in His fellowship,  
and, as an ineffable mystery,  
they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.

O Morning Star, how fair and bright,  
Thou beamest forth in truth and light!  
O Sovereign meek and lowly.  
Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,  
My Lord and Master, Thou hast won  
My heart to serve Thee solely!  
Thou art holy,  
Fair and glorious, all victorious,  
Rich in blessing,  
Rule and might o'er all possessing.