

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

MARCH 2, 2025

Holy Eucharist

10:00am

God has called you out of darkness, into his wonderful light. May you experience kindness and blessings, and be strong in faith, in hope and in love.

Because you are followers of Christ, who appeared on this day as a light shining in darkness, may he make you a light to all your sisters and brothers.

> The wise men followed the star, and found Christ who is light from light. May you too find the Lord when your pilgrimage is ended.

> > Solemn blessing, Roman rite

Childcare for children ages 4 and under is available from 9am-1pm in the Ebsworth Life Center.

Access the Childcare Room from the north lobby, nearest the main parking area, just past the elevator.

Follow the signs or please ask an usher to escort you to Room 109.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The pealing of the bells calls us to prayer.

All rise as able and sing.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION



Hymnal 1982, 135 ©; Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA



Hymnal 1982, S 278 ©; Setting: William Matthias (1934-1992)



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus (34:29-35).

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Dominus regnavit

Sung by the choir.

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, * they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the Lord our God is the Holy One.



THE SECOND READING

Lector A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (3:12-4:2).

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



SEQUENCE HYMN



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THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (9:28-36).

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) R. Costello

Silence follows the sermon.



All rise as able.

THE NICENE CREED

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

Loving Father, the font of all wisdom and mercy, you know our needs before our asking. Help us to faithfully discern what is truly needed in our lives and in the world and to ask for it with all humility.

All-generous God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

All gracious Father, we pray for the church universal and all those who labor to spread your message of divine love and forgiveness. We pray for our St. Thomas clergy, vestry and all lay leaders and volunteers. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity, Seattle and Apostles (COTA), Seattle. Heavenly Father, grant wisdom to all spiritual leaders that under them, we may be united in the Holy Spirit and go forth to serve the world.

Gracious God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Loving God, we pray for our nation and all who serve in Government, that in their words and actions they may serve the common good. We pray for an end to anger and division. Help us to meet all quarreling with Jesus' message of love and forgiveness.

Reconciling God,

Hear our prayer. A11

Intercessor

Loving Lord, we ask you to bring your justice and peace to Palestine, Israel, Ukraine and Sudan. We pray especially for all who are victims of war, violence or natural disasters. Make us peace makers and help us to transform the world from what it is, to what you have created it to be

God of peace,

A11 Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We give thanks for all healers of body, mind or spirit. And we commend to

your love all those in need of comfort, peace and healing, especially:

Maro, Adam, Linda, Curt, Patsy, Sarah, the Viereck family, the Burtnick *A11* family, Eric & the Weindell family, Ellen, Trudy, Father Fadi, Ruba, Phillipe, Andrew, the parishioners of St. Andrew's Church in Ramallah, Sandy, Zarin, Albert & family, Lindsay, Micha & family, Kim, Amal, Mike, the Smith family, Donna, Susie & Sam, Sally, Sammie & Eddy,

Susan, Amit, and Susan.

And we pray for the blessed departed, especially: Intercessor

Father Roman Burtnick, Eleanor, Anna, David, Donna Domzalski, Joni *A11* Pritchard, Winifred Guillot, Robin Middleton, Hank Kiefer, Jan Matheson, Tom Morgan, Steve Finnigan, and Marilyn Jorgensen.

Please add the intercessions and thanksgivings you hold in your heart, either Intercessor silently or aloud.

Silence.

God of all blessings,

Hear our prayer. A11

Celebrant Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your

> glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the

glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our

Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the

Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

All are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS As stewards of all that God has given us, we share the many ways to be engaged in the life of our community.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, or at stthomasmedina.org/giving.



Hear my words, O gracious Lord, To my thoughts attentive be: Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.

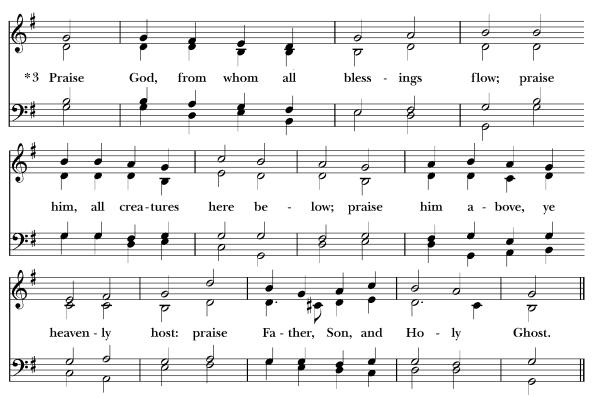
With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise; And expectant, I will bring. Prayer as morning sacrifice. Thou art holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin; Evil shall not dwell with Thee, Nor the proud Thy favor win.

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, To my thoughts attentive be; Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.

text: from Psalm 5, The Psalter, 1912. alt. Stephen Paulus

All rise as able and sing.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN



Hymnal 1982, 380 ©; Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3 Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

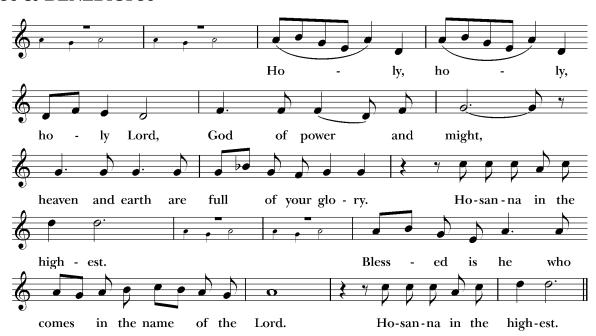
All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim

the glory of your Name.

All sing.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



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Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Celebrant

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

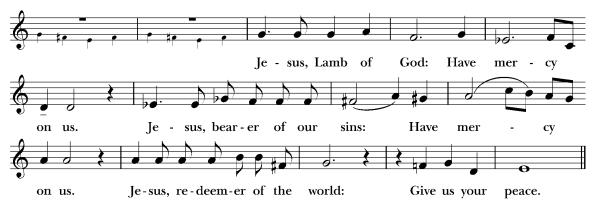
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The bread is broken.

FRACTION ANTHEM



Hymnal 1982, S 165 © Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Ushers will guide each row to the altar to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is **not** available at this time. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

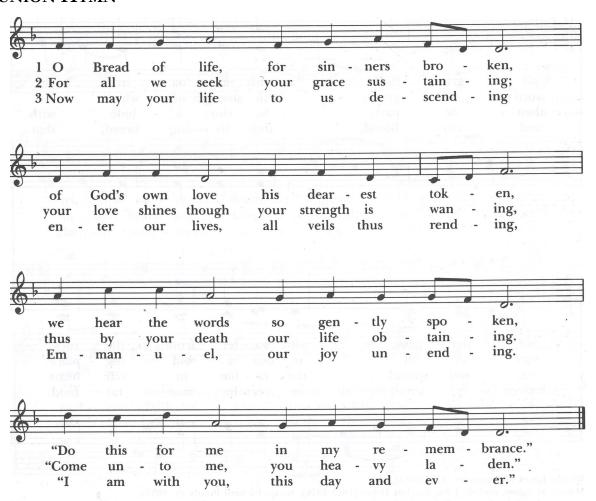
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here, Come bow before him now with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around, He burns with holy fire: with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace, No work too hard for him: in faith receive from him, Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. Amen.

text: David J. Evans

COMMUNION HYMN



Words: Timothy T'ing Fang Lew (1892-1947); tr. Frank W. Price (1895-1974), alt. Music: Sheng En, melody Su Yin-Lan (20th cent.)

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All rise as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal G

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC VISITOR BLESSING ** When appropriate.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that

those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body

and blood.

All We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light

to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the

Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.



HYMN AT THE CLOSING



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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Pièce d'orgue, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach



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