

"This is my Son, my Chosen;  
listen to him!"

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 10, 2013, 10:30 am

Luke 9:35b

We worship during the season of Epiphany according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two,  
beginning on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

### The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn:

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*.....135  
Verses 1-2, and 4

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

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

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. **Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise: Alleluia*

**Sing Alleluia to the Lord.  
Sing Alleluia to the Lord.  
Sing Alleluia. Sing Alleluia.  
Sing Alleluia to the Lord.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

*The First Lesson – 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 99*

*Refrain:*

**The LORD is King;  
let the people tremble.**

The LORD is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
**he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.**

The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
**he is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
**he is the Holy One.**

"O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
**you have executed justice and righteousness in  
Jacob."**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
**he is the Holy One.**

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
**they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
**they kept his testimonies and the decree that he  
gave them.**

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
**you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
**for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

*Refrain:*

**The LORD is King;  
let the people tremble.**

*The Epistle – 2 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – Luke 9:28-36 (the people stand)

Hymn: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*.....427  
Verses 1-2

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Hymn: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*.....427  
Verses 4-5

Sermon

The Nicene Creed (*the people stand*)

**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.**

The Prayers of the People (Form III, page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer)

Father, we pray for Christ Church, Albertville; Saint Alban's, Birmingham; our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; Episcopal Relief and Development; for the work and witness of Episcopal missionaries; and for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Katharine, our presiding bishop, for Kee and Santosh, our bishops, for Arnold, our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Barack, our President; for Robert, our governor; for Bobby, our mayor; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to all the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for **Lynda Denton, Dot Harris, Alice Williams, Charlotte and Lannon Poole, Pam Harper, Amber, Jared and Dezel Oliver** (Kathy Haynie), **Brandon Boland** (Cathy Jones), **Chris Eady** (Lynne Eady), **Lisa Wallace** (Laura Williams), **Jenna Moates** (Kelli Kerr), **John Myer** (Ann Easley, John and Kathy Haynie), **Ed Clayton** (Jean Kerr), **Billie Wilkinson, Lindsey Burt** (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Melinda Henderson** (Ann Easley), **Kathy Brumbleloe** (Ann Easley), **Lee Musso** (Cathy Jones), **Oletta Goodwin, Sherry Gritz**, (Arnold Bush), **Jackie Henderson** (Ann Easley), **Kyle Pearson** (Arnold Bush), and the others we now name: (*the people here add their own petitions*). Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin (the people stand or kneel)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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### The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: *Alleluia*.....SH-57

## The Presentation

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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:

*The people sing (found in the Hymnal at S 129)*

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

**Amen.**

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

**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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

Communion Hymn: *Spirit of the Living God*.....SH-8

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**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.**

## The Blessing

Recessional Hymn:

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*.....460

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Say goodbye to "Alleluia." Beginning with our Ash Wednesday service this week, Epiphany will be an "Alleluia-free zone" until Easter morning.

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### ***Serving at Epiphany this week . . .***

Ushers: Maurice and Debra McCord  
Altar Guild: Ann Easley and Laura Williams  
Lay Reader: Amanda Borden

Chalice Bearer: John Haynie  
Refreshments: Laura Williams  
Stewards: Eddie and Pam Harper

### ***for Ash Wednesday, February 13 . . .***

Ushers: John and Kathy Haynie  
Altar Guild: Ann Easley and Laura Williams  
Lay Reader: Nancy Dupree

Chalice Bearer: Jere Van Etten  
Stewards: Maurice and Debra McCord

### ***And for next Sunday, February 17***

Ushers: Eddie and Pam Harpen  
Altar Guild: Jean Kerr  
Lay Reader: Lee Borden

Chalice Bearer: Laura Williams  
Refreshments: Ann Easley  
Stewards: Jere and Pam Van Etten