

"This is my Son, the Beloved;
with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Last Sunday after Epiphany
March 2, 10:30 am

Matthew 17:5b

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

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn:

When Morning Gilds the Skies.....427

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: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*.....7

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 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain,
and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with
the law and the commandment, which I have written for their
instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and
Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he
had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for
Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go
to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered
the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai,
and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he
called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the
glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the
mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered
the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the
mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 99

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.

The Second Lesson - 1 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made
known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he
received honor and glory from God the Father when that
voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying,
"This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we
were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.
You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in
a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises
in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no
prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,
because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and
women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – Matthew 17:1-9 (the people stand)

Hymn: *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*.....129
Verses 1-2

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Hymn: *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*.....129
Verses 3-4

Sermon

Father Wells

The Nicene Creed

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 St. Mary's, Childersburg; for St. Paul's, Lowndesboro; for our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Ogé; for the Vocare Steering Committee; for the Happening Steering Committee; 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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Katharine, our presiding bishop, for Kee and Santosh, our bishops, for Wells, 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** and **Thurman** Harris, **Charlotte** and **Lannon** Poole, **Barbara** Trogdon, **Dezsel** Oliver (Kathy Haynie), **Billie** Wilkinson, **Lindsey** Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Kathy** Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten), **Oletta** Goodwin, **Sherry** Gritz (Jean Kerr), **Clifford** Flood (Jean Kerr), **Nancy** Jones (Nancy Dupree), **Dan** Merrill (Hugh Thompson), **Jane** Clayton (Jean Kerr), **Adam** Dorough (Kelli Kerr), **Tommy** Johnson (Amanda Borden), **Ruth** Schulte & **her family** (Hugh Thompson), and the others we now name: (*the people may add their own petitions*).

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant may add a suitable 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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Refrain:

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.**

**1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's a light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!**

Refrain

**2. Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are!**

Refrain

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

(Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p 367)

(Musical Response in the Hymnal at S 120)

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.

(Father Wells says a Proper Preface)

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:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.....S 130*

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.

Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God*.....S 164

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

Communion Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy*.....362

*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 (*the people stand*):

How Great Thou Art.....SH-37

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

We will gather in the nave this Wednesday, March 2 at 9:00 am (please note the new time)
for a Solemn Liturgy with the Imposition of Ashes.

Our Service Roster is now more or less complete through June. To see when you are scheduled to serve, go to the church web site at EpiphanyTallassee.org and look for the link on the left hand side on the bottom that says "Service Roster." If you have questions about your service or would like to be added in the rotation for a service area, here are the coordinators for each service area:

Ushers: Maurice McCord
Altar Guild: Jean Kerr
Lay Readers: Lee Borden
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Jere Van Etten

Refreshments: Cathy Jones
Stewards: Betty Weldon
Grounds: Jimmy Weldon

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

Ushers: Lavonne Hart and Nancy Dupree
Altar Guild: Jean Kerr
Lay Reader: Jim Rand
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Jere Van Etten
Refreshments: Debra McCord
Stewards: Pam Van Etten & Sharon Cleary

for Ash Wednesday . . .

Ushers: To be determined
Altar Guild: Laura Williams

Lay Reader: Ramona Heil-Norris
Stewards: Pam Van Etten & Sharon Cleary

and for next week, March 9 . . .

Ushers: Jere and Pam Van Etten
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones
Lay Reader: John Rand
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Mike Harber
Refreshments: Amanda Borden
Stewards: Pam and Jere Van Etten