

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

Matthew 17:5b

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
Morning Prayer  
February 23, 2020, 10:30 am

We worship today according to the appointed order for Morning Prayer, Rite Two, beginning on page 75 of the Book of Common Prayer, and occasionally from *Enriching Our Worship*. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**. The initials "SH" refer to page numbers in the small Supplemental Hymnal in the pew racks.

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

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*We stand or kneel.*

**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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter (*we stand*)

Lord, open our lips.  
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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*Venite – Psalm 95*.....S 35

Psalm 99 (*we remain standing*)

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.**

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The Lessons

(*We sit for each lesson and stand for each canticle or hymn.*)

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.**

Canticle 12 – A Song of Creation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**  
Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
**O heavens and all waters above the heavens.**  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**  
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
**all winds and fire and heat.**  
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**  
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
**drops of dew and flakes of snow.**  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**  
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
**O shining light and enfolding dark.**  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**  
Let us glorify the Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

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The Epistle Lesson – 2 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**

Canticle J – A Song of Judith

I will sing a new song to my God,  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength,  
invincible.  
**Let the whole creation serve you,  
for you spoke and all things came into being.**  
You sent your breath and it formed them,  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
**Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths,  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.**  
But to those who fear you,  
you continue to show mercy.  
**No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you,  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.**

The Gospel Lesson – Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, 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 Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn – *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak (we stand)*.....129

Homily  
Andy Stricker

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Peace

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

## Joys and Concerns of the Congregation (*we sit*)

### The Offering

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

Hymn: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (we remain seated)*.....Page 5

Presentation – *As with Gladness Men of Old (we stand)*.....119:1

### The Prayers (*we stand or kneel*)

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**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.**

## Suffrages

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**And grant us your salvation.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**  
Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## The Collect of the Day

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.

## A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Alleluia, Sing To Jesus (we stand)*.....460:1,2 &5

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings (*we stand or kneel*)

We pray for the souls of all those who have departed this life, including those we now name silently or aloud.

## Silence

In our parish we pray for those who are sick or recovering from illness, including Micah Hart, Dennis Harper, Larry and Pat Sharpton, Troy Warlick, Dezel Oliver, Tom Haynie, Beth Hall, Maurice McCord, Sharon Browning, Julie Williams, George Rowell, and the others we now name.

*Silence*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose. For Community Garden, Auburn; Community Market, Opelika; St. Matthias, Tuscaloosa; Grace Church, Anniston; Grace Church, Pike Road; Diocesan Pastoral Counseling Center; and for Military, Institutional, Hospice and Hospital Chaplains.

The General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you - in holiness and righteousness all our days.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Hymn: *How Great Thou Art (we stand)*.....SH 37

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Lent is coming! Join us Tuesday in the Little House at 5:30 pm for a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, courtesy of “chefs” Jimmy Weldon and John Haynie. If you’ll be coming, please let Betty Weldon know so she can buy the right amount of food.

The next morning at 9:00 am (Wednesday, February 26) we will mark the beginning of the Season of Lent with a Solemn Liturgy and Imposition of Ashes. The Rev. Lee Lowery will join us for this service, which will conclude with a Holy Eucharist.

And yes, you know what that means: after today’s service, we will not see “the A word” again until Easter Sunday, April 12. Does that make you want to sing “Alleluia, Sing To Jesus” with a little more gusto?

Serving at Epiphany today:	On Ash Wednesday:	And on Sunday, March 1:
Ushers: Lavonne Hart and Jimmy Weldon	Ushers: John and Kathy Haynie	Ushers: Darrell and Suzy Wilson
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon	Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten	Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
Lay Reader: Betty Weldon	Lay Reader: Suzy Wilson	Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie
Officiant: Andy Stricker	Lay Eucharistic Minister: Maurice McCord	Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lee Borden
Refreshments: Suzy and Darrell Wilson		Refreshments: Lee/Amanda Borden

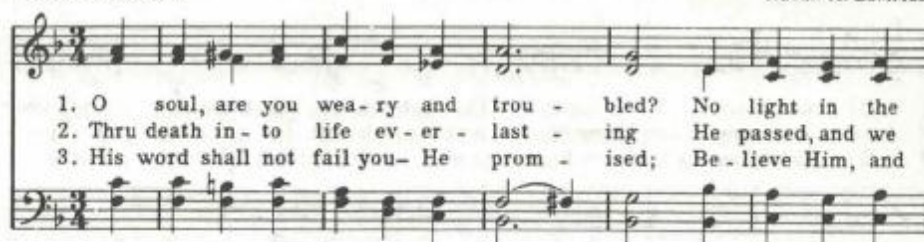
Gloria Patri (with Alternate Alleluia)

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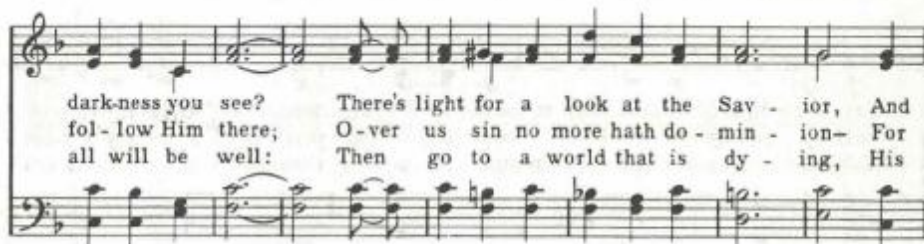
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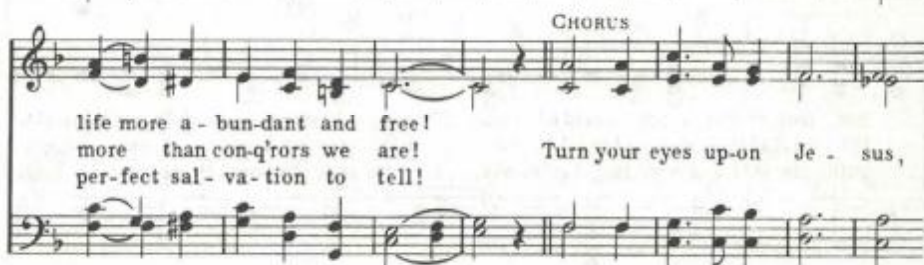
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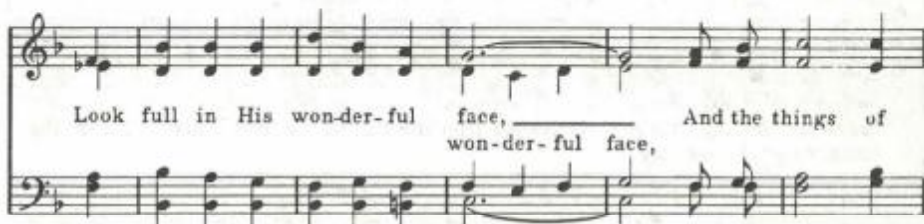
1. O soul, are you wea-ry and trou - bled? No light in the  
 2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we  
 3. His word shall not fail you- He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and



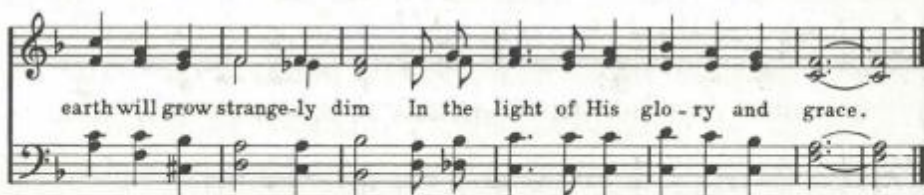
dark-ness you see? There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, And  
 fol - low Him there; O-ver us sin no more hath do - min - ion- For  
 all will be well: Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His



CHORUS  
 life more a - bun-dant and free!  
 more than con-q'rors we are! Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus,  
 per-fect sal - va-tion to tell!



Look full in His won-der-ful face, And the things of  
 won-der-ful face,



earth will grow strange-ly dim In the light of His glo - ry and grace.

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