

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

February 27, 2022 Year C

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Due to COVID, please sing all hymns silently in your heart rather than out loud.

Prelude *Es ist das Heil*, BWV 638 J. S. Bach (1685–1750)
Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 626

***Hymn** O wondrous type! O vision fair (*Wareham*) **Hymnal # 137 vs. 1–4**

***Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

***Collect for Purity**

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.*

***Gloria**

Hymnal S-280

***The Collect of The Day**

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.

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

- 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.

Dominus regnavit

- 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 Epistle Reading**2 Corinthians 3:12–42**

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 Reading*Luke 6:29–43a**

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

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.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Lynne Walton

The Nicene Creed

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

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.

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.

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**

Christ appeared to the apostles in the brilliance of heavenly light. Let us pray that his glory may illumine our hearts, as we offer our prayers, responding, "Hear us, God of glory."

+ That we may be receptive to the power of the Divine Word to transform our lives, reorder our thoughts, give us truer vision, and deepen our desire for God's truth; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

+ That we may find in law and prophecy the inheritance of our ancestors, and the freedom to move from the mountaintops of our experience into the marketplace of daily life; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

+ That as our faith increases, our thoughts and actions may reflect interior transfiguration, and our charity be extended to the poor, the hungry, the outcast, and all for whom our Lord Christ came to give his life; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

+ That God's loving embrace may uphold and sustain those we hold in our thoughts, especially all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

+ In thanksgiving for our common journey in the faith, that we who have received the Word made flesh may embark on the holy road of Lent, and rejoice together in the Paschal mystery to come; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

+ In thanksgiving for the Body of Christ, and the Cup of Salvation; may it be for us a foretaste of Christ's heavenly banquet which the faithful departed now enjoy; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

+ That Michael, our Presiding Bishop, DeDe, Bishop of this diocese, and all who exercise episcopal oversight may live into their office as chief pastors, teachers, and celebrants of the sacraments; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

May the light of Christ be revealed through us, as we continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Dave	Wes	Joan	Tina	Jon	Cece
Amelia	Jean	Laurie	Carl	James	Dean
Mary	Vivian	Theodore	Jennifer	Jonathan	Bridget
Tom	Sarah	Margaret	Ovie	Paula	Maura
Giovanni	Felice	Pat	Stanley	Carol	The Shea
Cindy	Edith	Heather	Carol	Lorraine	family
Dan	Elaine	Judy	Sara	George	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Monica VanFleet, Jane Ryan, Sue Dale-Hall, Dani Wassink

Confession of Sin

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

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: *Laudate Nomen Domini*

Christopher Tye (1505–72)

*Laudate nomen Domini, vos servi Domini; ab ortu solis usque ad occasum ejus.
Decreta Dei justa sunt, et cor exhilarant: laudate Deum principes et omnes populi.*

[Praise the name of the Lord, ye servants of the Lord; from the rising of the sun until the same setting. The decrees of the Lord are just, and glad the heart: praise the Lord ye princes and all ye people.]

***Presentation Hymn** Christ upon the mountain peak (*Mowsley*)

Hymnal # 129 vs. 1, 2, 4

*The Great Thanksgiving

Expanded Language Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S-129

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became 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 maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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, Jesus 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:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table.

Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread with wine available for intincture. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.

Post Communion Prayer

*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.*

Blessing

***Hymn** Ye watchers and ye holy ones (*Laßt uns erfreuen*)

Hymnal # 618

Dismissal

Postlude *In dir ist Freude, in allem Leide, O du süßser Jesu Christ*, BWV 615

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Liturgical Ministers: Daniella Ripperton, Matthew Stedinger, Stephanie Nevels

Virtual Vergers: Virginia McGhee, Ben Dean

Choral Music Sung by the St. John's Cyber Choir with Charlotte Hoekenga, Trumpet

Hymns

O wondrous type! O vision fair (Wareham) Hymnal #137, vs 1-4

1. O wondrous type! O vision fair
of glory that the church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!
2. With Moses and Elijah nigh
the incarnate Lord holds converse high;
and from the cloud, the Holy One
bears record to the only Son.
3. With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.
4. And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Christ upon the mountain peak (Mowsley) Hymnal # 129 vs. 1, 2 & 4

1. Christ upon the mountain peak
stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak,
with the saints and angels praise him.
Alleluia!
2. Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the Law
shout through them their joyful greeting.
Alleluia!

4. This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets fade before him;
first and last and only One,
let creation now adore him!
Alleluia!

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Ye watchers and ye holy ones (*Laßt uns erfreuen*) Hymnal # 618

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain,
Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!



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Cyber Choir welcomes new participants. For info, see our Director of Music/Organist Karen Hindenlang after the service or contact her through the church office.

Please Join Us: Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

Forward Day by Day for February, March, and April is available on the table in the rear of the church.

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NEWCOMERS: We extend a warm welcome to visitors and newcomers. It is good to have you with us! Please help us get to know you by filling out one of the welcome cards in the pews and placing it on the collection plate or giving it to one of the ushers.

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