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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship, Love, Live the Message

WORSHIP BULLETIN:
MARCH 2, 2025 **8:45 AM**
Holy Eucharist Rite II **Prayer A**

The Last Sunday after Epiphany

ENTRANCE HYMN:

All stand.

Please refer to your hymnal

(H 135) Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p.355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY: BCP p.355

Let us pray in unity

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:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal

(S 280) Gloria To God

COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p.357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus. 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM:**Psalms 99***Remain seated.*

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.**

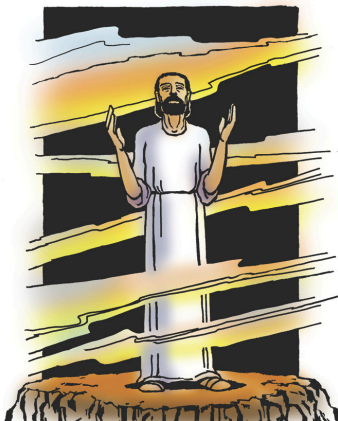
O Lord our God, you answered them
indeed; *

**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.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2***Remain seated.*

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.***GOSPEL HYMN:***The following is sung.**Please refer to your hymnal***Verses 1 - 3****(H 460) Alleluia Sing to Jesus**

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

All stand.

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

People: 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal

Verses 4 - 5

(H 460) Alleluia Sing to Jesus

THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz

THE CREED:

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All 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

All remain standing

CONFESSION OF SIN: BCP p.360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People:

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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: BCP p.360

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE BCP p.376

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal

(H 118) Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA: BCP p.361

The People remain standing.

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 God thanks and praise.



PROPER PREFACE: BCP p.361

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...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:

*Celebrant and people
Please refer to your hymnal*

(S 130) Holy, Holy, Holy

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The Celebrant continues

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...

...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:

Celebrant and People
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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The Celebrant continues

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...

...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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p.363

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

People and Celebrant

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



FRACTION ANTHEM:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal*

(S 164) Jesus, Lamb of God

INVITATION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.*

(H 439) What Wonderful Love Is This

COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.*

(H 238) Blessed Feasts of Blessed Martyrs

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
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

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The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal*

(H 493) O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



- * Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- * Ash Wednesday services: 8 AM & Noon
- * 2025 Zoom Lenten Series: The Lost Art of Kindness

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Frederick Ekenstam,
Brother of Gene

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S.
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SFC Mike Moverley, 1st
Battalion 143rd Field
Artillery, U.S. Army
Warrant Officer
Brandon Niemann,
U.S. Army
Airman
Andrew Severa, U.S.
Air Force
SA Michelle Severa,
PA, Air National Guard
Staff SGT Jake
Sackett, U.S. Air Force
Major Xacasia Evans-
Walp, U.S. Army

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3/2 Ryan Morris

SERVING THIS WEEK:

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Annie Mertz | |
| Preacher | The Rev. Annie Mertz | |
| Deacon | The Rev. Beth Gaines | |
| | 8:45 AM | 11:00 AM |
| Music | Dr. Matthew Welch | Cameron De Palma |
| Lector | Susan Owen | Martha Saldaña-Wolf |
| Intercessor | MaryFrances Kelly-Poh | Barbara Jewell |
| LEM | MaryFrances Kelly-Poh | Barbara Jewell |
| Healing Prayers | Judy Furlong | Kim Rodekohr |
| Ushers | Jim Brown & Laura Peadbody-Park | Yann & David Jouvenot-Sells |
| Altar Guild | Eileen Fisk & Donna Patey | |
| Flower Guild | Blanche Hilman | |
| Office Angels | Sue Flor & Carole Johnson | |
| Verger | Leo Harrod & Brandon Bailey | |

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector
The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon
The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, Associate Priest
The Rev. Pamela Higgins, Associate Priest
The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:

Dr. Matthew Welch, Traditional Music Director
Cameron De Palma, Contemporary Music Director
Eric Foster, Communications Director
Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator
Tim Markley, Archivist

VESTRY:

TBA, Senior Warden
TBA, Junior Warden
Jill Morris, Ed Curtis, Lisa Pena, Ann Lindsay, Donna Marshall, Gerri MacGregor, Jim Peterson, Robert Vallejos, Kathryn Gojack



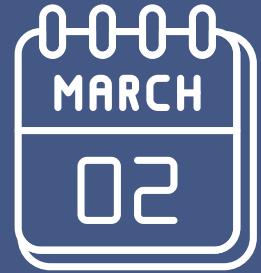
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CALENDAR

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 4 pm Meditation (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



MONDAY: 3/3

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
 7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band
 8 pm AA Meeting (P)

TUESDAY: 3/4

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday
 Pancake Supper (P)

WEDNESDAY: 3/5

Ash Wednesday

7am AA Meeting (P)
 8 am +Service / Ashes to Go
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10 am +Communion - Cancelled
 11 am Bible Study (P) - Cancelled
 12 pm +Imposition of Ashes w/
 Eucharist
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band

THURSDAY: 3/6

7am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee w/
 Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 6 pm +Music Practice

FRIDAY: 3/7

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 7 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 3/8

7 am AA Meeting (U)

The Frist Sunday in Lent

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 4 pm Meditation (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



KEY

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P = PARISH HALL
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