

St. James' Episcopal Church

February 26, 2017

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Our mission is “*to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.*”

**A warm welcome to visitors, tourists, seekers and doubters,
immigrants, refugees, the lost and the found... and you!**

BCP= Book of Common Prayer (red), found in the Pew Rack
Words are found either in the BCP, or are printed in this bulletin.
Music is found either in the 1982 Hymnal (blue), or is printed in this bulletin.
Music with an S- is found in the Service Music in the front of the hymnal
Please sit, stand or kneel as you are able.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Prelude in A Minor

Henry Purcell

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

**Hymnal 460
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Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant and people pray together:

**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
Bulletin page 12**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

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 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm **need to choose one**

The Epistle

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

*Bless the Lord my soul
Sung once before the Gospel and once after.*

WLP 825

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The Gospel

Matthew 17: 1-9

All standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Carol Mader

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

Prayers of the People

Celebrant or deacon

Let us offer prayers to God whose glory is a devouring fire, a light shining out of darkness.

Deacon or other leader

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ.

After this and each of the biddings that follow, the Deacon says

Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For Daniel our bishop, for presbyters and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the people of God.

For all the nations and peoples of the earth, and for justice, mercy, and peace.

For all who are needy, desolate, forgotten, suffering, lonely, disconsolate, and sick, especially

For those who have gone before us under the sign of faith, and for all the departed, especially those whom we now name.

That all the world may reflect the splendor of God and share in the divinity of Christ.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, God of light eternal. Hear our prayers for all peoples and let your glory shine on us this day, that our lives may proclaim your goodness and our works give you honor. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Almighty and merciful God,

We have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed.

We have not loved you with all our heart.

We have not loved others as our Savior Christ loves us.

**We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, who pardons all who repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Gifts of wine and bread and the fruit of our labors are brought to the priest.
Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory *Njooni Majini (Come to the Waters* **Mark Sedio/Swahili song**
*Come to the waters of life, we live refreshed, renewed;
By dying with Him, we are raised with Him,
Christ Jesus, our Lord. We are healed;
We are made new – we live with Christ,
Jesus our Lord.*

Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving:

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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:

Sanctus

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The Celebrant continues

(the people may 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 sing:

Hymnal S-149
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The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Ministration of Communion

The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the people with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. You may receive both bread and wine or elect to receive the bread alone. Receive the bread in your hand and guide the cup to your mouth. Or, you may dip the bread in the cup, and then consume it. Place your arms across your chest if you do not wish to receive, but would like a prayer of blessing to be given.

Communion Hymn

Come my Way, my Truth, my Life

Hymnal 487
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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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

ELW 315?

**Hymnal 344
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The Dismissal

People : **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Hornpipe, from Water Music Suite

Handel

Bless the Lord my soul **WLP 825**
Sing two times before Gospel and two times after Gospel

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S-149

As long as the deer

Hymnal 658

Lord dismiss us

Hymnal 344

Alleluia Alleluia