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**The Last Sunday after Epiphany**

**10:00 AM + March 2, 2025**

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**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**The Word of God**

**Prelude:** Liebster Jesu wir sind hier *Johannes Jaeger*

**Hymn:**“We are all children of the Lord” *MHSO 105*



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

*People:* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:*

**GLORIA:** Glory to God *Blue Hymnal S 280*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:***And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

The Collect *Said in unison*

**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 Reading from the Book of 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **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.

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.

**Sequence Hymn:** “Blessed Jesus, at thy word” *Blue Hymnal 440*

**A reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]**

*People’s response before the Gospel* **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.

People’s response after the Gospel  **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** The Reverend Sean Maloney

The Nicene Creed *Spoken by all, standing.*

**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 – [from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary] *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Led by the Holy Spirit we pray for the church and the world, saying, Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the church in all its guises, in every land and in every language, may your Word be known. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all whop seek to follow Christ Jesus, that they may be steadfast in their love and faith and that they may work together for greater unity as Christ’s body,

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For peace in all places and in the hearts of all people throughout the earth, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our community, especially for those struggling in economic transitions, that we might find strength and hope together. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the natural world and its abundance, that we might use that abundance wisely and sustainably. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are suffering, that they might find solace in your prescence and wholeness in your love. [Especially for …*prayer list*] Lord in your mercy**, hear our prayer.**

For the saints in every generation, that their lives might inspire ours and that we might be faithful stewards of their legacy, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God in your wisdom and love, hear the prayers of your beloved children in this community of faith. Bring your help to all in need, granting our prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Announcements: Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## **The Great Thanksgiving** - *Eucharistic Prayer 1*

**Offertory Anthem:** Fairest Lord Jesus

Words: “Schöster Herr Jesu,” *Münster Gesangbuch*

Music: Calvin Hampton

*Eucharistic Prayer 1*

*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

It is truly right, and good and joyful,

to give you thanks, all-holy God,

source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing

and fed us with your constant love;

you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ

and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us

and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels

and with the faithful of every generation,

we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Sanctus: *Blue Hymnal S 129*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,

creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image

and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care

that we might be your faithful stewards

and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image

in one another and in ourselves;

we would not see your goodness in the world around us;

and so we violated your creation,

abused one another,

and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,

and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah

you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery,

sustained us in the wilderness,

and raised up prophets

to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time,

you sent your eternal Word,

made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family,

and dwelling among us,

he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,

he triumphed over evil,

opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,

Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you,

he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all

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**.

Remembering his death and resurrection,

we now present to you from your creation

this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us

the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts

may be filled with the Holy Spirit

and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage

of your daughters and sons,

that with [ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints,

past, present, and yet to come,

we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

to you be honor, glory, and praise,

for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**FRACTION ANTHEM:** Christ our Passover *Blue Hymnal S 155*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

**Communion Music:** Bread of Life W*ords and Music: Bernadette Farrell*

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

**Hymn:** “Thank you for the gift of Jesus” *MSHO 139*

*(vv. 1 & 4)*

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**The Dismissal**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.  
The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

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|  | Let us go forth in the name of Christ. |
| *People:* | **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.** |

**Postlude:** Voluntary in C *Anonymous*

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