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## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 19, 2023

### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

#### Prelude

#### Procession to the Altar

**Hymn #135** *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 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.**

#### Psalms 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.

### **A Reading from 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**

Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to Thee,  
O Lord, among the people.  
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.  
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the  
heavens,  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the  
clouds.

Be exalted O God, above the heavens.  
Let thy glory be over all the earth.  
Be exalted O God, above the heavens.  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew** (17:1-9)

#### **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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Gradual**

Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to Thee,  
O Lord, among the people.

I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.  
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted O God, above the heavens.  
Let thy glory be over all the earth.  
Be exalted O God, above the heavens.  
Let Thy glory, let Thy Glory,  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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## The Sermon

*Silence for reflection*

**The Nicene Creed** (Standing, as able.)

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

Let us pray.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servant hood. We pray especially for Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, Melissa our bishop provisional, Brian our assisting bishop; for priests, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

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

For the Anglican Communion, especially the Dioceses of North Central Philippines - (Philippines), Northern Philippines - (Philippines), Southern Philippines - (Philippines), Phulbani - (North India), Pittsburgh - (The Episcopal Church), Polynesia - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia), and Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda; our diocese, especially St. James, Kent; St. George's, Maple Valley; St. Luke's, Renton; and our parish.

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

For all the leaders and people of the world, especially Joseph, our president, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression. We pray for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially for those we now name....

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

For the hungry in body, mind or spirit, that they may be nourished by your presence and truth.

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

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that your healing grace may shine forth in the shadows of this world. We pray for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa, Marisa, Rico, Saray, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Milana, Jackie, Elianny, Glen, Gary, Marilyn, Keith, Justin & Kendra, Alex, Janae, Jeanne, Travon, Debbie, Cindy, Scott, Mike, Kim, Mike, Michele, Bob, Leanne, Terry, Garry, Nancy, and for those we now name....

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

For the gifts of joy and love, that we may bear witness to the manifestations of your glory. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name...

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For those who have died and now abide in Christ's presence, remembering especially those we now name...,

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Leader 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.**

*Celebrant*

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

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

## Offertory

*Our Sunday loose cash offerings go to our Emergency Aid Fund, which directly serves families and individuals in need within our community. Your generosity makes saying "yes" to those who need help the most possible.*



## The Great Thanksgiving – B

[Please see Book of Common Prayer, pg. 367]

*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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

*Celebrant and People*

## Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God...

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...

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**

## Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All persons are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion in one or both of the elements or receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail. If you have yet to be baptized and are interested in learning more about this sacrament, please see one of the clergy following the liturgy.*

*If you do not wish to come forward for Communion or a blessing, or if you are attending the liturgy virtually, you are invited to pray the following from The St. Augustine's Prayer Book.*

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## **The Post Communion 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.**

## **The Blessing**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Procession to the Neighborhood**

### **Hymn #137**

*O wondrous type*

## **St. Matthew Mission Statement**

**To be a church that passionately embraces and  
values all people, growing in the love of Christ  
through word and action.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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