

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

27 February 2022

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:30am



This is my
chosen Son;
listen to him.

Luke 9.35

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The Word of God

Prelude

Procession: “Lift Every Voice and Sing”_(vs 1 & 3)

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way:
Thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stay from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true
to our native land.

Welcoming Prayer

Celebrant: Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship at St. John's. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives, and most of all, O God, let this be a place of love and acceptance of all your children; in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Liturgy of the Word

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Prayer

Celebrant: 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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Lessons

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

read responsively by whole verse

- 1 The Lord is King; *
let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
- 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 the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Piano Preface to Gospel Reading

Gospel: Deacon

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 9:28-43a

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Address: Camay Murphy, Richard Halloway, Quaker

Solo: "Take My Hand"_(vs 1&2) - Maya Millsape

Prayers of the People

Beholding God's glory in the world about us, and in the faces of our sisters and brothers, we offer our prayers.

For Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; for Bishops Eugene Sutton and Robert Ihloff, Diocese of Maryland; for Canon Lesley Hay, our Priest; and Jane O'Leary, our Deacon.

For Joseph Biden, President and Kamala Harris, Vice President; the leaders and members of the US Congress; the Justices of the Supreme Court; Larry Hogan, our Governor; Bill Martin, our Mayor.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
People: ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (*silence*)
We pray for John Fisher; Carol Leatherbury (Homebound); Saundra Pope; Gail Reese; Lois Bankett; Gregory Stansbury; Sandy Zolenas; Angelika Jankovich; and Olga Mapp-Stansbury

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We pray for ourselves. May we be voices against oppression and channels of the trans-forming power of the gospel. Open our hearts to all who suffer in our midst but out of sight. Help us to work for a world where human beings are valued, where no one is en-slaved, and no one used against their will for another's pleasure or need. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray that we may know the power of reconciliation. Wherever there is division between us and others, because of our race or ethnicity, we pray that we may all be led to reconciliation. We pray for all who work to bring communities together in ways that are just and equal for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we pray for reconciliation, we pray also for restoration. We pray for those whose spirits and communities have been weighed down by racism. Guide us as we strive to ensure everyone has equal dignity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant

(sit, stand or kneel as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(silence)*

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 Peace

(standing in unison)

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

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another staying in place and without contact.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

The Offertory: Solo: "I Feel Like a Motherless Child" _- Maya Millsape

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.***

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

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.

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.

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 [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born 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 say,

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. and 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 AND THE INVITATION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

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| Celebrant | Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. |
| People | <i>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia</i> |
| Celebrant | The gifts of God for the people of God. |

The Communion

All baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to come forward and receive the Sacrament of the Body of Christ.

Communion: Choir Anthem

Post Communion Prayer

(prayed in unison)

Blessed God, help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist, to hunger and thirst for what is right; help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad, to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled; help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven, to strive for the cause of right and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

Solo: "His Eye is in the Sparrow" (vs 1) - Maya Millsape

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His son Jesus Christ Our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: “When the Saints Go Marching In” (vs. 3)

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in;
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When the saints go marching in!

We'll dwell in peace, forever more
We'll dwell in peace forever more
O Lord I want to be in that number
When we're peaceful evermore

O when they crown Him Lord of all,
O when they crown Him Lord of all;
O Lord, I want to in that number
When they crown Him Lord of all.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

THOSE SERVING

Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Lesley Hay

Deacon: Rev Jane O'Leary

Minister of Music: Sylke Bergsten

Readers: Rodney Lynk and Donna Blische

Ushers: Steve Formwalt and Bess Reed

Announcements

Newcomers:

Please fill out the information cards in the pews and place them in the offertory plate. If you have email, don't forget to add it. Many wonderful things are happening at St. John's.

Reminder:

Evening prayer is every Wednesday at 4:30pm. Please come join us.

If you wish to have special prayers for someone who is sick or for those who have died, please call or email the names to me each week by the Wednesday before the Sunday service.

Thank you, Sheila
