

## The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

H 460

### The Service Begins

BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis

H-S 280

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

### The Collect

*Our collective prayer for the day.*

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 First Lesson

*2 Kings 2:1-12*

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire

and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

### The Psalm

50:1-6

*Deus deorum*

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### Second Lesson

*II Corinthians 4:3-6*

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Hymn *Christ upon the mountain peak*

H 129

### Gospel Lesson

*Mark 9:2-9*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they

were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

### The Sermon

the Rev. Dr. Tom Day

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

### Prayers of the People IV

BCP 388

*We pray together as the people of God*

### Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

### The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*



## The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

### Offertory

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

Harrison

### Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*To God the Father, heavenly Light,*

*To Christ, revealed in earthly night,*

*To God the Holy Ghost we raise*

*Our equal and unceasing praise.*

From Hymn 124 vs. 5

### Eucharistic Prayer "A"

BCP 361

*Sanctus*

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S129

*Memorial Acclamation*

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S132

*The Lord's Prayer*

Traditional version, found on

BCP 364

*Fraction Anthem*

H-S 152

### The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

*O saving Victim* H 311  
*O wondrous type! O vision fair* H 137  
*Christ, whose glory fills the skies* H 7  
Our Prayer after Communion BCP 365

The Blessing *The Priest blesses the people.*

Hymn *Ye watchers and ye holy ones* H 618

**The Dismissal**

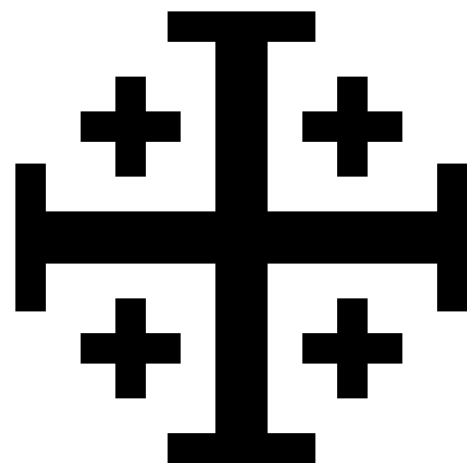
We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

**Participants in Today's Liturgy**

Acolyte Kipp Cortez Rob Merritt  
Chalicer Rob Merritt Jay Kephart  
Lector Bernadette Dragotto Rob Merritt  
Altar Guild Elizabeth Sudduth Kay Sudduth  
Betty Nash

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Mrs. Mary Catherine Williams. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

The Altar Flowers are given today by Mrs. Kathy Burge in memory of his loved ones.



Attendance Last Sunday

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**Birthdays This Week:** Lucy McCue Dancer, Jim Justice, Harris Tyler, and John Wimmer

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders--Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Edi—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Joan—Ragen—Marion Lowe—Jared Cregger—Peyton Cline and family

Calendar of Events

Tuesday – February 13 ECM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 -7:00 pm  
Wednesday – February 14 Ash Wednesday Service at St. Mary's 6:00 pm  
Thursday – February 15 Food Pantry 9-11am  
Wednesday – February 21 Lenten Dinner 6:00pm Carry in  
Wednesday – February 28 Lenten Diner 6:00pm Catered

Announcements:

Lenten Dinner: This year's theme will be on Christian spirituality and mindfulness, led by Dr. Assaad Mounzer. Dinner will be carry in or catered as announced. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend!

ECM Pancake Supper: If you haven't already gotten your tickets please see one of the ECM members. The Pancake Supper is Tuesday, February 13th 5:30 to 7:00pm.

Lent Madness: It's that time of year again! Get your copy of the 2018 Sainly Scorecard at the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Read the short biographies of the saints each day and vote for your favorite at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org). Who will win this year's Golden Halo?

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater Rector of Christ Church  
the Rev. Dr. Tom Day Tazewell Cluster Interim Missioner  
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**February 11, 2018**

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

*Being the Sunday sometimes called Quinquagesima*

**Welcome to this Place of Prayer**

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.