

The First Lesson

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 Psalm

Psalm 99

Dominus regnavit

- 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.

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

2 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.

Hymn

When morning gilds the skies

H 427

Gospel Lesson

Luke 9:28-43a

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 Sermon

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 *God My King*

Heaton

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 v. 5

<u>Eucharistic Prayer “A”</u>	BCP 361
<i>Sanctus</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S129
<i>Memorial Acclamation</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S132
<i>The Lord’s Prayer</i>	Traditional version, found on BCP 364
<i>Fraction Anthem</i>	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

<i>Bread of the world in mercy broken</i>	H 301
<i>O wondrous type!</i>	H 137
<i>Christ upon the mountain peak</i>	H 129

Our Prayer after Communion **BCP 365**

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!*

The Altar Flowers are given today by Tripper and Stacy Thomas in memory of their loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Louisa Bennitt. 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!

Participants in Today’s Liturgy

<u>Acolytes</u>	John Allen	Ben Slater
<u>Lectors</u>	Bernadette Dragotto	Alyson Bowling
<u>Chalicians</u>	Alyson Bowling	Don Williams
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Becky Beckett, Patty Richardson, Stacy Thomas	

Last Sunday Attendance 37

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Marlene, Lee Puckett, Sr., Alex B., Toni R., Jared Cregger, Kerrigan Farmer, Lindsey Parsley, Daisy Bowman, Ellie Spencer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Ann Richardson, Sherry Mitchell, Carrie D., Sharon Cranfill,, George Strike, Levertt T., Bea Paine, Frankie Sparks, Audrey, Denny Arner, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Bob Waschler, Elizabeth Kane, Marilyn Denney, Judy Anderson, Debbie Wells, Paul Anderson, Ruby, Debbie & Jerry, Ed Arnett, Michelle Parks

Calendar of Events

Tuesday – March 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30pm
 Wednesday – March 6 Ash Wednesday
 Services at 8am, 12noon, and 7pm
 Wednesday – March 13 Dinner at Union Mission 3pm
 Evening Prayer and Pot Luck Dinner 6pm

Announcements:

ECM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Remember to get your tickets for our annual Pancake Supper! Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Volunteers from the Men’s Group will be needed beginning around 2pm that day. See you there! Checks should be made out to “Christ Episcopal Church” with “ECM” in the memo.

Building and Grounds Committee: If you are interested in the care and preservation of our beautiful property please consider volunteering for this important committee. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.

CEC Chili Cook-off: Congratulations to Don and Becky Kersey for winning First Place in our annual Chili Cook-off! 158 people were feed at the Union Mission Wednesday night. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Lent Madness!: Are you ready to have so much fun in Lent you should feel bad about it? Learn about the saints and the whims of a popularity contest as we vote for our favorites until only one is left. Who will win the Golden Halo this year? Pick up your materials in the Narthex!

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater	Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Mrs. Becky Beckett	Senior Warden
Mr. Tom Coughlan	Junior Warden



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The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

*sometimes called
 Transfiguration Sunday or 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.

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.