



Christ Episcopal Church

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February 23, 2020

The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

Sometimes called Quinquagesima Sunday

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 **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

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.

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

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Hymn

Christ upon the mountain peak

H 129



Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

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 Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP 358
First composed in 325, this is the ancient statement of faith

The Prayers of the People (Form IV) BCP 388
We pray together as the people of God

The Confession and 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 So Loved The World* Stainer

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 “C” BCP 369

Sanctus Words in BCP, Musical Setting is S129

The Lord’s Prayer Traditional version, found on BCP 364

Fraction Anthem Words in BCP, Musical Setting is 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

Bread of the world, in mercy broken **H 301**

O wondrous type! O vision fair **H 137**

When morning gilds the skies **H 427**

Our Prayer after Communion **BCP 366**

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

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
The Altar Guild in memory of passed members.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Ted and Katherine Lewis. 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

Acolyte Becky Beckett Elizabeth Burton

Lectors Becky Kersey Becky Beckett

Chalicists Becky Beckett

Altar Guild Elizabeth Sudduth Sandy Moir Betty Nash

Nursery Help _____

Vestry Member of the Month: Alyson Bowling

Birthdays This Week: Kay Sudduth

Last Sunday's Attendance

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Donna Fortune, Bob and Peggy Walk, Susan Jewell, John Kersey, Martha Linkous, Sarah Irwin, Janet Slager, Kelly Cox, Mike McLeod, Maxine Stevenson, Dean Farmer, Bob Moore, Haddon Lazenby, Miffi Williams, Jack Burchette, Nick, JL, Victor Bowman, Cis Barrett, Linda Jones

Calendar of Events

Tuesday – February 25	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:30pm
Wednesday – February 26	Ash Wednesday Services 8am, 12 noon, 7:00pm
Sunday – March 1	Financial Committee meeting after Church
Wednesday – March 4	Lenten Service 7:00pm
Sunday – March 8	Parish Life Committee meeting after Church
Wednesday – March 11	Union Mission 4:30pm
Sunday – March 15	Bagging Groceries after Church
Tuesday – March 17	DOK meeting 10:30am
Wednesday – March 18	Men's Dinner 6:00pm Vestry Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday – March 19	Food Pantry 9:00am – 11:00am
Monday – March 23	Building and Grounds Committee meeting in the Library 5:00pm
Wednesday – March 25	Union Mission 4:30pm

Announcements:

Pancake Supper: The Annual Episcopal Church Men's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 25 from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. Men of the parish have been mailed their tickets to sell. Money for the tickets may be returned to the Church office with "ECM" in the memo line of your check or clearly labeled on your envelope for cash payments. Thank you!

Financial Committee meeting: There will be a Financial Committee meeting after Church on Sunday, March 1st. Interested people are invited. Thanks, Frank.

Parish Life Committee meeting: There will be a Parish Life Committee meeting on Sunday, March 8th for anyone interested in helping with events which take place within the church. Please make every effort to attend...lots going on! If you cannot attend, please let Linda Ammar know that you are interested in helping.

Nursery Help: Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.

Lenten Wednesday Series: Join us Wednesday evenings in Lent for a variety of worship opportunities. These worship experiences include an instructed eucharist, a service from the 1928 BCP and more. Services will begin at 7:00pm each Wednesday and will be followed by a simple Fellowship hour. A full schedule will be published next week!

The Building and Grounds committee: The Building and Grounds committee will have a meeting on March 23 at 5pm in the library. If you are interested in this very important ministry for our church, consider being a part of it. If you have a chance, feel free to walk through the church inside and outside to see anything that you think needs our attention. Please email me at trapper_1948@yahoo.com if you would like to be on this committee or you see things that need attention. Thanks, Tom Coughlan

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater
Ms. Emma Bennett
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.
Mrs. Vanessa Hall
Mrs. Susan Jewell
Mrs. Becky Beckett
Mr. Tom Coughlan

Rector
Parish Administrator
Organist & Choirmaster
Sexton
Nursery Attendant
Senior Warden
Junior Warden

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