

# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*

February 19, 2023

## The Word of God

**The Prelude:** O Splendor of God's Glory Bright  
Christ upon the Mountain Peak (Hymn 129)

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**The Processional Hymn: 135 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

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**The Opening Acclamation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

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

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Gloria: Glory to God**

*BCP p. 356/Hymnal S 280*

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.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 2** *Read responsively by half verse.*

Why are the nations in an uproar? \*

**Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?**

Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \*

**against the LORD and against his Anointed?**

"Let us break their yoke," they say; \*

**"let us cast off their bonds from us."**

He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*

**the Lord has them in derision.**

Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
**and his rage fills them with terror.**  
 "I myself have set my king \*  
**upon my holy hill of Zion."**  
 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*  
**he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.**  
 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*  
**and the ends of the earth for your possession.**  
 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
**and shatter them like a piece of pottery."**  
 And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
**be warned, you rulers of the earth.**  
 Submit to the LORD with fear, \*  
**and with trembling bow before him;**  
 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
**for his wrath is quickly kindled.**  
 Happy are they all \*  
**who take refuge in him!**

**Psalm 99** *Read responsively by half verse.*

The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \*  
**he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**  
 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
**he is high above all peoples.**  
 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
**he is the Holy One.**  
 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**  
 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; \*  
**he is the Holy One.**  
 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
**they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**  
 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
**they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**  
 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**  
 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
**for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

**The Second Lesson**

**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.**

**\*The Sequence Hymn: 129 Christ upon the Mountain Peak**

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*Stanzas 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel, stanzas 3 & 4 are sung after.*

**\*The Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
 People: **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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Valerie Colbert

## The Nicene Creed

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*Celebrant and People*

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.

## The Prayers of the People, [Form II](#)

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## The Confession and Absolution

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*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant 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.

## The Exchange of the Peace

BCP p. 360

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

## The Greeting and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory Anthem: Rise, Shine, You People!

Words: Ronald A. Klug  
Music: Dale Wood

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.  
See how he sends the powers of evil reeling; He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.  
Celebrate! Celebrate your joy, now come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.

To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.  
Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from every nation his new creation. Rise and shine!

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. To utilize our text-to-give option, simply text "ALBANS" to 73256.*

## The Presentation of Gifts

### The Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

*BCP p. 367*

### The Sursum Corda

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.**

#### *Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

#### *The Celebrant continues...*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

*BCP p. 367/Hymnal S 125*

#### *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.**

#### *Celebrant*

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;**

#### *Celebrant*

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 Alban and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn 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.**

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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*Celebrant and People*

**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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover**

*BCP p. 364/Hymnal S 154*

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

### **The Ministration of Communion**

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### **The Communion Hymn: 490 I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light**

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### **The Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*This prayer is meant to be prayed by those who are unable to attend in-person worship for any reason.*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you 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, 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**

*BCP p. 365*

*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**

### **The Recessional Hymn: 137 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair**

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### **The Dismissal**

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Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Postlude: O Light of Light**

Cary Ratcliff

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