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Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, 2 March 2025

Holy Eucharist by Extension



*The Transfiguration of Christ, Gerard David, 1520*

## Prelude

*In these dark days*

H. Bollback

## Opening Hymn

*Christ upon the mountain peak*

H.129

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

**And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever.**

Brothers and sisters, in the Gospel of St. Luke we read:

At supper with his disciples on the night he was betrayed Jesus took a cup and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

We have come together in our Father's presence to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his Holy Word, to bring before him the needs of the world, and to ask his forgiveness of our sins. In union with those who celebrate this Eucharist around the world this day, we seek God's grace in Holy Communion. For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup in obedience to his command, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lord, have mercy

**Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy

## The Collect for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Sundayschool children and their teachers are invited forward for a blessing.*

## The Lessons

### First Reading

**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  
Thanks be to God

## 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.**

## The Epistle

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

## Gradual Hymn

*Lord, make us servants of your peace*

H.593

*(verses 1-3 before the Gospel, 4-5 after the Gospel)*

## The Gospel

Luke 9:28-43a

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**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.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Richard Cole

## The Nicene Creed

*Please stand as able.*

**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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.**

**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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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 to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

### Confession of Sin

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.**

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Peace

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

### Offertory Anthem

*When Jesus went to Jordan's stream*

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Church of God, of which we are members, has taken bread and wine and given thanks over them according to our Lord's command. These holy gifts have been brought to us that we too may share in the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

## The Lord's Prayer

*(in your own tongue)*

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

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

*During the administration of Holy Communion music will be played. Please follow the directions of the ushers. As regards the wine, there are 3 options: 1) to receive the Chalice from the Eucharistic Minister; 2) to take a small glass which contains red, alcoholic wine; 3) to take a small glass which contains white, non-alcoholic wine. Please return the glass to the empty receptacle on the credence table on the pulpit side of the church.*

## The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Announcements

## The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, now and always. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**                      *Praise my soul the king of heaven*                      H.410

## Dismissal

*Deacon*    Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude**                                      *Allegro*                                      G. F. Handel

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**Prayer List:** This week, we are praying for Brad and Marietta, Damien, Erik, Eva, Geraldine, Yan and Jacqueline, Julien, Kristina, Lesley, Margaret, Marguerite, Milki, Patricia, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Sandrine, Silvia and her parents, and Soheir.

**Convocation Prayer Cycle:** World Mission Sunday: All missionaries and Young Adult Service Corps members of The Episcopal Church and all engagement with God's mission throughout the world. The Committee on Mission Congregations and all those in our mission congregations, Ms. Audrey Jolivet-Habiby, Chair.

## Today's Ministers:

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## World Mission Sunday

The last Sunday of Epiphany is dedicated to World Mission. “As the Father sent me, so I send you,” said the risen Christ to his disciples. Mission is central to the life of the church. From its very beginning, Christians have sent and been sent in mission to others, those nearby and those far away. Ministering in dimensions of difference, eucharistic communities of the baptized become different themselves through mission, discovering the gospel afresh and receiving our identities back transfigured, closer to the likeness of Christ.

The Rt. Rev. Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, writes in his sermon for World Mission Sunday 2025, “the work of mission is much broader than just teaching Christianity. It’s also about living it and ministering in a holistic way that is meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the people.” He goes on to say:

The Anglican Communion’s definition of mission, called the Five Marks of Mission, expresses the Anglican Communion’s common commitment to an understanding of God’s holistic and integral mission. They are abbreviated in the five words: Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform, and Treasure. These marks of mission are central to us as Anglicans and important to us all. I believe that they are a summary of what all mission is about.

The definition begins by saying that the mission of the church is the mission of Christ. So, all mission is rooted in Christ. Then it spells out what this means:

1. **To tell** or proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. **To teach**, baptize, and nurture new believers
3. **To tend** and to respond to human need by loving service
4. **To transform** unjust structures of society to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation, and
5. **To treasure** and strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Throughout its history, Emmanuel Church has carried out this broad definition of mission – welcoming strangers from all over the world, supporting Christian mission around the world through our Outreach Commission, participating in the United Thank Offering, feeding the hungry at Montbrillant, and developing our hospitality program for refugees. Together, we are “companions in transformation”, deepening our lives and the lives of others as we live out our Christian faith.

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