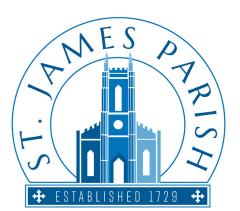
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude: Prelude on *Stuttgart*

John Sullivan

Welcome and Announcements



The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity (continued)



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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 Lessons

A reading from Exodus (34:29—35)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 80

Commentary:

Moses, on Mt Sinai, spent time in God's presence and the transformation he experienced as a result of this showed in his physical appearance. The Israelites were uncomfortable around Moses because the evidence of his close relationship with God reminded them of their own sinfulness. As mediator of the Covenant, Moses resembled and reflected the God of glory whom he represented. And, in his reflected radiance, Moses foreshadowed the glorious Mediator of the New Covenant, Jesus Christ.

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.





All sing the psalm verses and repeated antiphon.



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.

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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."

ANTIPHON

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.

ANTIPHON

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 in-/deed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil / deeds.

Second half of chant:
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy / hill; *
for the Lord our God is the / Holy One.

ANTIPHON

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1054

A reading from 2 Corinthians (3:12—4:2)

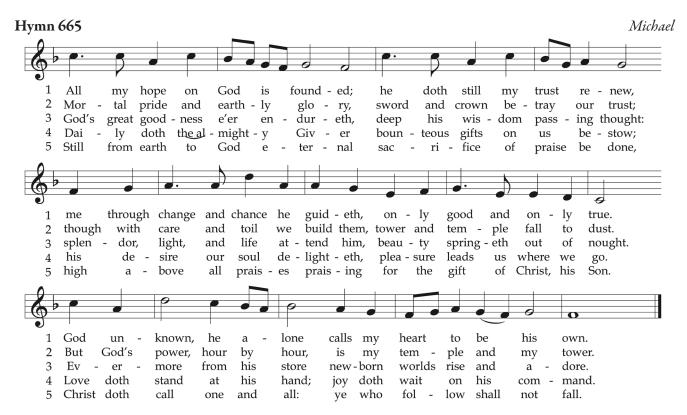
Commentary:

Paul contrasted the Old Covenant, mediated by Moses, with the new and superior Covenant mediated by Jesus Christ. Moses veiled his shining face in the Israelites' presence; Paul said the Corinthians' hearts were veiled by their refusal to accept the radiance of divine truth. However, with the help of the Holy Spirit, they could experience daily transformation as they contemplated the glory of God revealed in the living Word, Jesus Christ. Paul assures us that as we observe and ponder Christ's glory we become more like Him, reflecting His glory not necessarily in our faces, but in our character.

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.



The Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28—36

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 946

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

...Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Officiant 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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Sung by the choir Robert Lehman

Alleluia!

Christ, upon the mountain stands Vision of the Father's blessing Blazing forth to all the lands, Saints and angels now professing,

Alleluia!

Law and prophets have their place, In the cloud of wondrous glory Chosen witnesses of grace, There to see and tell the story. Alleluia!

God, in majesty, descends, Then proclaims to all before him, This is my beloved Son! Nations, come now and adore him.

Faithful hearts are lifted high. Joyful strains, our voices raising For this vision's mystery, Songs of wonder, hymns of praising. Alleluia!

Mark Schweizer

Old 100th **Presentation Hymn**

> 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 — Eucharistic Prayer B

(BCP p. 367)

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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:

Celebrant and People



The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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**.

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

(BCP p. 364)

Celebrant and People

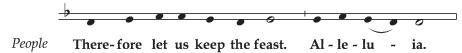
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction (S152): Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Cantor



The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Hymn 314 "Humbly I adore thee"

Adoro devote

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest 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.

Hymn 137 Wareham



The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

Postlude: Prelude on Michael John Sullivan

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Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harmon Chadbourn Rorison

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., FEB. 28 -MAR. 6

•MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

•FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 SHROVE TUESDAY

- •MEN'S AL ANON 5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
- •SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER 5:30-7:00 PM | Perry Hall Gym
- •SACRED GROUND 7:00-8:30 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 ASH WEDNESDAY

• ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 A.M. | Sanctuary

- •STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY 7:00 A.M. | SB on S. 17th Street
- •BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary
- ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM | St. James Sanctuary
- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GROUP 8:15 PM | ZOOM

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

- •HALO HOOPS BASKETBALL 4:00-5:30 PM | Perry Hall Gym
- PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING 6:00-7:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

•HAPPENING #77 BEGINS

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

- •SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON 7:45-9:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- QUIET REFLECTION 7:30- 8:30 A.M. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- •ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM 9 & 11:15 AM | SJ Website or FB
- •FAITH FORMATION 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 11:15 AM | St. James Parish
- HAPPENING #77 CONCLUDES

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