Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Last Sunday after Epiphany February 19, 2023

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



The Transfiguration of Jesus 1380/Russia

As we gather before the service begins, we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.

Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude Alleluia Sing to Jesus Paul Manz

Wayne Hatwich, organist

Processional Hymn O wondrous type! Hymn #137

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People:* And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly

love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis (8:00am spoken)

People: 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,

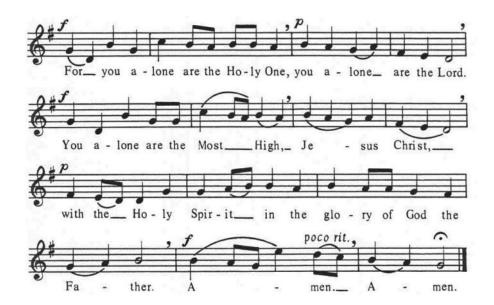
Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



(cont.)



(standing)

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 Lessons

Old Testament A Reading from Exodus

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 Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 119:1-8

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 be-/fore 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, <u>and he</u> answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the / pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the de-/ cree 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 up-/on his holy hill; * for the Lord our / God is the Holy One.

Glory to the Father and / to the Son,* And / to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the be-/ ginning, is now,* And will / be for ever. Amen.

Epistle

A Reading from Second Peter

II 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Christ upon the mountain peak

Hymn #129

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 17:1-9

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

(seated)

Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

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 along to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our presiding Bishop and Paula our Bishop; *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joseph our president and JB our governor;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, for those celebrating birthdays, especially Robert Sinks (02/20), Susan Chambers (02/21), and John Chapman (02/22).

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, the victims of gun violence, especially Michigan State University, the victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey, Nancy, Kylla, Ann, Linnea, Patrick, Ron, Rob, Mai, and Lee;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Jack and Cindy.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(you may kneel or be seated)

People: Most merciful God, w

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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Peace and Announcements

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

Christ upon the Mountain Stands

Robert Lehman

- 1. Christ upon the mountain stands, vision of the Father's blessing, Blazing forth to all the lands, saints and angels now professing. Alleluia, Alleluia!
 - 2. Law and prophets have their place in the cloud of wondrous glory; Chosen witnesses of grace, there to see and tell the story. Alleluia, Alleluia!
 - 3. God in majesty descends, then proclaims to all before him: This is my beloved Son! nations, come now and adore him. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 4. Faithful hearts we lift on high, joyful strains, our voices raising For this vision's mystery, songs of wonder,m hymns of praising. Alleluia, Alleluia!

(8:00am spoken)

Offertory Response

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord. *People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

(10:30am sung)

Offertory Response

Hymn #124

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To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, To God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(standing)

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.



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

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:

Sanctus (8:00am spoken)

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.



(kneeling or seated)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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:

Lord's Prayer

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei (8:00 am spoken)

Celebrant and People:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

(10:30 am sung)



The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn

Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise

Hymn #619

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Blessing (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymn #460

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Alleluia! Let Praises Ring Michael Burkhardt

Announcements

Book Club will meet Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm on Zoom. Book group will read "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande. In his bestselling books, Atul Gawande, a practicing surgeon, has fearlessly revealed the struggles of his profession. Here he examines its ultimate limitations and failures—in his own practices as well as others'—as life draws to a close. Riveting, honest, and humane, Being Mortal shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life—all the way to the very end.

<u>Save the date: Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday February 21, 2023, 5:30-7:30 pm.</u> This is a family-friendly event. Bring an appetizer or dessert, beverages provided.

Ash Wednesday February 22nd one service at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are now available for The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde for February 23-26! Tickets for this event can be purchased at: ticketor.com/rockforduniversity. We hope to see you there! Appearances by our choral scholars, Emmarie Wilson, Jake Rogers, and Joshua Ponsones.

Our Lent series this year is "Living Well Through Lent" from The Living Compass Spirituality & Wellness Initiative. The program begins Wednesday, March 1st at 11:30 a.m. with Stations of the Cross followed by lunch and a discussion on compassion and faith. Books are available for \$10 and can be picked up at the church office. Please write Lenten book in memo line of checks. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for volunteers to bring soup, salad, and bread.

<u>The Dining Out Group will be enjoying the cuisine at the Stone Eagle</u> on State Street Thursday, February 23 at 11:30. Please call Mary Nielsen at 815-654-8995 for your reservation. Hope to see you there!

<u>Support Relief Efforts in Syria and Turkey:</u> Please go to www.support.episcopalrelief.org/syria-turkey-earthquake to make a donation.

A small group of knitters at Talcott Free Library in Rockton have embarked on a project. We are knitting Chemo Hats for cancer patients at the three Rockford hospitals. If you want to join us, here are the basic hat requirements. They need to be very soft, so acrylic or cotton is best. They also need to be washable. The hospitals need hats for men and women ages 18 and up.

Many patterns are available for free online. Search for Chemo Hats. As knitters, we're finding we have many odd bits and unused skeins in our stash at home that will be excellent. If you need patterns or yarn or have any questions, you can contact Michelle at the library or Kay Hatch, hatch_ks@yahoo.com.

We haven't yet decided on a finish and donation date, but we will keep you posted. Thank you in advance for any contributions you can make.

<u>Grief Support group will meet February 27th at 7 p.m. in the Janet James room.</u> Doug Rogers will lead the discussion. All are welcome to attend.

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8:00 a.m. Lector: Kyla Chapman-Neal

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa

Old Testament: Stacey LaRosa Epistle: Timothy Borden

Prayers of the People: Cheryl Rogers

Altar Guild: Mary Johnson Ushers: John & Rosa Birnbaum

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