

## Welcome to

# **CHRIST CHURCH**

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 23, 2020—10:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP – The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal – The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS – Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP – Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF – Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

\*--Parishioner Pick for Hymn

## Notes On This Sunday's Readings

Welcome to Christ Church. On this final Sunday before Lent, we always have as our Gospel reading the account of Jesus' transfiguration. This event is chosen primarily because it marks the turning point in the story of Jesus. It was on this occasion that Jesus clearly foretold his approaching death and resurrection. Thus we are pointed in our Lenten pilgrimage toward the cross and Easter.

The Old Testament reading records Moses' meeting with God on Mt. Sinai in an event like the transfiguration. His forty days and nights with God on the mountain are a prefiguring of our time with God in Lent.

The second reading records the memory of the transfiguration event as a sign that the writer's message is truth, being an eyewitness of Jesus' ministry. We are also witnesses as God transforms us into the likeness of Christ.

Today the Church uses the Easter word "Alleluia" for the last time until the resurrection is proclaimed at the Great Vigil of Easter. In many churches, the ancient "farewell to Alleluia" hymn (Alleluia, song of gladness, Hymn 122 or 123, *The Hymnal 1982*) is sung at the conclusion of the service today. "Alleluia" is omitted from the liturgy throughout Lent in order that its restoration at Easter will underscore our experience of renewal on that day.

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# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER

#### **PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** 

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYMNAL 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own: Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory along; Hark! The songs of holy Zion Thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

*Celebrant* + Blessed be the one, holy, and living One. *People* Glory to God forever and ever. Amen

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant and People say,

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.

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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 FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantTogether, 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 people sit.

## THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus (24:12-18).

<sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar? \*

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \* *against the LORD and against his Anointed?* 

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

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup>He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*

the LORD has them in derision.

<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \* *and his rage fills them with terror.* 

6"I myself have set my king \*

upon my holy hill of Zion."

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*

he said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \* *and the ends of the earth for your possession.* 

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod \* and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup>And now, you kings, be wise; \* be warned, you rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear, \*

and with trembling bow before him;

<sup>12</sup>lest he be angry, and you perish; \*

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

<sup>13</sup>Happy are they all \* who take refuge in him!

#### THE EPISTLE

A reading from the letter of Peter. (1:16-21)

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>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 people stand as they are able.

HYMNAL 137

O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory that the Church may share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!

With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate Lord holds converse high; and from the cloud, the Holy One bears record to the only Son.

With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest today what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery; for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

O Father, with the eternal Son, and Holy Spirit, ever One, vouchsafe to bring us by thy grace to see thy glory face to face.

Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848-1866), alt.

**GOSPEL** *Matthew* (17:1-9)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>Six days [after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God], Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like

the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>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!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

### THE SERMON

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit.

After the sermon, the people stand as they are able.

## 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

#### Celebrant:

Let us offer prayers to the Holy One whose glory is like a devouring fire, a light shining in a dark place, saying: God of light, *show us your glory and hear us*.

#### **LEM**

For the Church: that we may bear witness before all peoples and nations to the power and glory of God in Christ. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks for Chapel of the Intercession at Washington Hospital Center. Pray for all hospital, hospice, nursing home and healthcare chaplains. Pray also for all parish nurses and healthcare providers. God of light, *show us your glory and hear us*.

For this parish family, that we who have been in the presence of Christ may be the shining light that illumines earth's darkness. God of light, *show us your glory and hear us.* 

For those who live and work in places of danger, especially those in the military, and for all peacemakers, that God will bless and make fruitful their efforts. God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

For each of us as we embark on the journey of Lent, that we may walk humbly and honestly in God's presence each day. God of light, *show us your glory and hear us.* 

For those working to curtail the coronavirus, that God will give them insight, slow the spread of the virus, and protect all who are caring for the sick. God of light, *show us your glory and hear us.* 

For those who fear death, failure or an unknown future, and for the sick and suffering, remembering especially those on our Prayer List. (*The people may add petitions for any need or concern.*) May they find courage and healing in the face of Christ. God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

For all those who have died. We pray that the light of Christ may scatter the darkness for them and for all who mourn their passing. God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

For ourselves, that we may be thankful for all the blessings we enjoy and seek ways to share them with others. We give thanks for Monty Wright, David Seeman, John Harhai, Jane Cooper, Ryan Dean, and Debra Gray who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We also give thanks for the members of the Covenant Class as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in May. God of light, *show us your glory and hear us*.

In the communion of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God*.

All: Blessed are you, God of light eternal. Hear our prayers for all people and let your glory shine on us this day, that our lives may proclaim your goodness and our works give you honor, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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 ABSOLUTION

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

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

### COMMISSIONING OF VESTRY MEMBERS AND PARISH OFFICERS

The Celebrant says these or similar words

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. These members of Christ Church, King and Queen Parish have been called to the ministry of Parish Officers and Members of the Vestry.

## Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

*Celebrant:* Have these leaders been elected by the congregation or appointed by the vestry in accordance with the bylaws of our congregation?

## Senior Warden: They have.

*Celebrant:* Do you commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed?

## Leaders: I do.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this

congregation in his name?

Leaders: I do.

I (name), do solemnly swear, that I will faithfully execute the office as a (Vestry member, Warden, Lay Delegate, or Officer) of King and Queen Parish, in St. Mary's County, Maryland; without prejudice, favor or affection, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God.

*Celebrant:* (to the congregation) Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

Congregation: We will.

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. Amen.

Together, let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

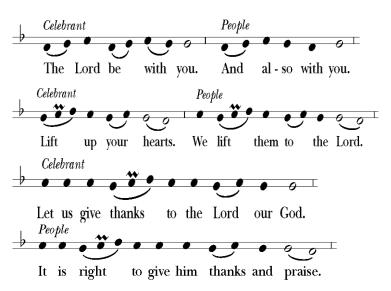
Celebrant:

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING—EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B



The celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface for the Season or Feast is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ

our Lord. 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 S 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. +Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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 words spoken through the prophets; and above all 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, our 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;

The Celebrant continues

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 you 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 Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, 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 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.



The people remain standing

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant Let us now pray in the words that Jesus taught us,

## People and Celebrant

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

#### Celebrant

The Gifts of God for you, the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**COMMUNION NORMS**--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup or you may dip the wafer into the cup. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest.





VERSE 3
We shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia! Refrain:

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn

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#### THE BLESSING FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God Almighty: + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** 

Ye watchers and ye Holy Ones

**HYMNAL 618** 

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)

#### THE DISMISSAL

LEM Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

#### **POSTLUDE**



# **CHRIST CHURCH**

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## Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

## **Thursdays**

6:10 p.m.—Meditative Music 6:30 p.m.—Simple Holy Eucharist/Compline/Evening Prayer

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Tuesday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Office closed on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

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