

## Communion Anthems

Offerings of Love Robert Wetzler  
*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before him, his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth you would count as your own: truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay at his throne.*  
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Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Martin How  
*Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation, Jesus, of God and Mary the Son; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, O thou my soul's delight and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the verdure and bloom of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes the saddest heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling stars arrayed: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer; my Jesus' shall never fade.*  
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## Communion Hymns *sung by all*

O Light of light, Love given birth (*Jesu dulcis memoria*) Hymnal 134  
 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord (*Song 46*) Hymnal 328

*Please stand*

**Prayer for Mission** *said by all* BCP 366  
 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.

## Blessing

### Hymn in Procession *sung by all*

Ye watchers and ye holy ones (*Lasst uns erfreuen*) Hymnal 618

**Dismissal** BCP 366

**Postlude** Sonata IV: Allegro maestoso e vivace Felix Mendelssohn

## Music Notes

Today is the last Sunday after the Epiphany, and we hear again in the Gospel the wonderful miracle of Christ's glorious and dazzling Transfiguration, which is retold in poetic form in the opening, sequence, and first communion hymn. The offertory anthem is an Epiphany classic, and the first communion anthem is generally Epiphany themed, while the second communion anthem reflects the Transfiguration, reminding us that "Jesus shines brighter...". The closing hymn is an old favorite that gives us a last chance to sing our "Alleluias" before Lent starts this Wednesday.

## VISITOR INFORMATION

### Children's Chapel

A Children's Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the chapel after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

### Nursery and Restrooms

A **nursery** is available during this service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off to the west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

### Sunday Classes for Children and Adults

Sunday classes for adults and children are offered during the 9:00 hour most Sundays. See a complete listing in the announcements insert, and we hope to have you join us!

## THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

*and in loving memory of Edward Patrick Doherty by his wife Susan.*

## Worship Participants

*We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.*

<b>Lectors</b>	Rob Smith, William Cassidy, Derick Brundick
<b>Acolytes</b>	Eve Surface, Bennett Surface, Hadley Surface, Maddox Racine, Langston Bryan, Luke Dearing, Jack Dearing
<b>Acolyte Shepherd</b>	Paula Phelan
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Frances Hutto, Mark Hutto, Sally Foerster
<b>LEM</b>	Margaret and Eric Cavin
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Willetts, Robb Smith, Nick Pulignano, Carrison Hager
<b>Verger</b>	Ted Miller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Drew Haramis, Bunny Manning, Anne Brittle, Anne Gorman, Adrienne Kent, Ruth Granger, Celeste Heller, Carol Worsham, Barbara Irving
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Ashley Daw, Keith Daw

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 2024  
 Holy Eucharist - Rite II  
 10:00 a.m.



## Welcome!

*We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a connect card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.*

*Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.*

**Prelude** How fair and how pleasant art thou Marcel Dupré

## The Word of God

*Please stand*

**Hymn in Procession** *sung by all*  
 O wondrous type! O vision fair! (*Wareham*) Hymnal 137

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity** BCP 355

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

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

*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.**

**Gloria** *sung by all* *musical setting:* 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.

## 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.**

*Please be seated*

### First Lesson – 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm – 50:1-6 *chant sung by the choir*

chant: Jonathan Battishill

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*

God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*

to witness the judgment of his people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, \*

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*

for God himself is judge.

## Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

### Sequence Hymn *sung by all*

Christ upon the mountain peak (*Mowsley*)

Hymnal 129

## Holy Gospel – Mark 9:2-9

*Clergy* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children’s Chapel as the congregation sings “Jesus loves me”.*

## Sermon – The Rev. Charlie Holt

*Please stand*

### Nicene Creed

BCP 358

### Prayers of the People – Form VI

BCP 392

### Confession

BCP 393

## Peace

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

There shall a star from Jacob come forth

Felix Mendelssohn

*There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a scepter from Israel rise up, and dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus shedeth glorious beams of light and consolation! Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation; thine be praise and adoration.*

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*Please stand*

**Offertory Hymn** The Doxology *sung by all*

Hymnal 380, verse 3

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.

### Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*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.**

*The Celebrant continues...*

### Sanctus *sung by all*

*musical setting:* Hymnal S 125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are 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.

*After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

### Lord’s Prayer *said by all*

BCP 364

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.

### Fraction Anthem *sung by all*

*musical setting:* Hymnal S 154

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Please be seated*

### Communion of the People

*At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by “intinction” (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.*