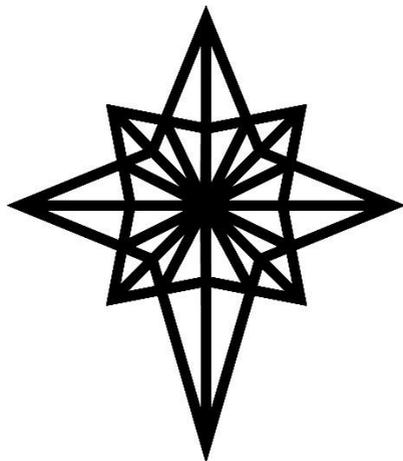


# The Holy Eucharist



The Church of the Ascension  
*Munich*

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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# The Holy Eucharist

## The Last Sunday after Epiphany

### ORDER OF SERVICE

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*A warm welcome to all!*

***Please keep your microphones muted on Zoom  
for the duration of this service.***

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***While masks are no longer mandatory,  
we encourage you to continue to wear them while in church.***

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The Ringing of the Bells

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*All are invited to stand*

OPENING HYMN | "Christ whose glory fills the skies"

Hymn 6



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the  
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan -  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of



on - ly Light, Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise!  
ied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn,  
sin and grief! Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine;



Tri - umph o'er the shades of night: Day - spring from on  
till thy mer - cy's beams I see, till they in - ward  
scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -



high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

*All are invited to stand*

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and Forever. Amen.

*The Celebrant and People together*

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 Savior. Amen.

# Song of Praise "Glory to God"

S278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,



on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of



God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## 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.

*People* Amen

*All are invited to be seated*

## The Lessons

**The First Reading | Exodus 24:12-18**

*Read in German by Joachim Zeller*

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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 Second Reading | 2 Peter 1:16-21**

*Read by Jes Villa*

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.

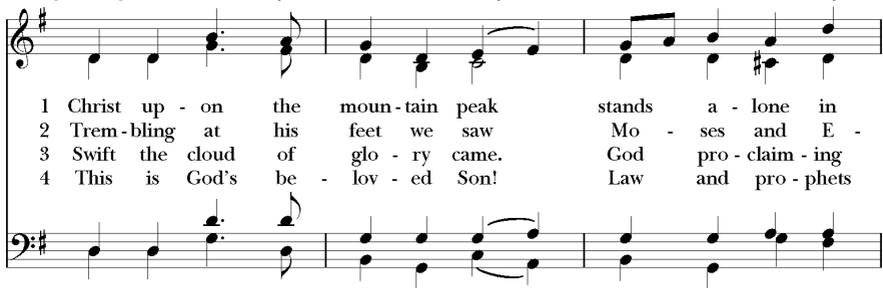
So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Hymn** "Christ upon the mountain peak"

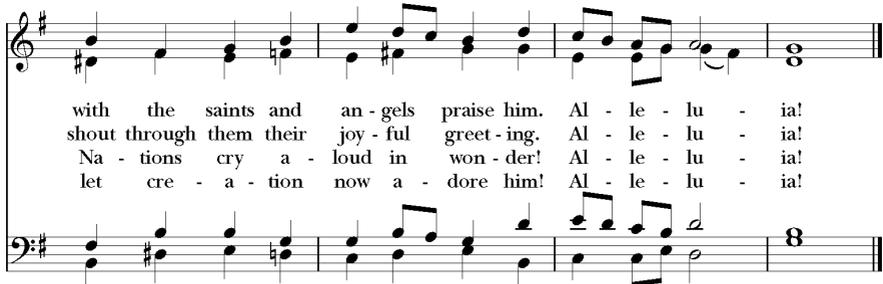
Hymn 129



1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak        stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw        Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came.        God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son!        Law and pro - phets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!  
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,



with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!  
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!  
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Gospel | Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

## The Sermon

*The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow*

*Silence may be kept.*

*All are invited to stand*

## 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**

*Led by George Battrick*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of glory, it is good that we are here.  
In peace we make our prayer to you.  
In trust we confirm our faith in you.  
Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would have us go.  
Lord, look with favor.  
**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favor on your Church,  
proclaiming your beloved Son to the world

and listening to the promptings of the Spirit.  
May she be renewed in holiness that she may reflect your glory.  
Lord, look with favor.

**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favor on the nations of the world,  
scarred by hatred, strife and war.

May they be healed by the touch of your hand.

Lord, look with favor.

**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favor on those in need and distress,  
suffering as your Son has suffered

and waiting for the salvation you promise ...

May the day break

and Christ the Morning Star bring them the light of his presence.

Lord, look with favor.

**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

*Celebrant*

Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
you have called us into fellowship with all your saints.

We unite our prayers with theirs

and ask for grace to serve you with joy

where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for all eternity. Amen.

*Silence*

## General Confession and Absolution

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

*Silence*

*The Celebrant and People together*

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

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

*People* And also with you.

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please greet only those in your vicinity by reverently bowing and without moving into the aisles.*

## Announcements

*The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow*

## The Offertory

Offertory Sentence:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

—*Ephesians 5:2*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Offertory Anthem** *“Lift thine eyes”*

F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Doxology | "From all that dwell below the skies"

Hymnal 380

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
 him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
 heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367*

*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.

*The celebrant continues*

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

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus | Holy, holy, holy Lord (from “Deutsche Messe”)

Hymnal S130

*Those who are on Zoom, please feel free to sing along with sound muted.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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 Word

spoken through the prophets; and above all in 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, out of 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 (muted)*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*Celebrant*

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 your 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 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 the 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 forever. AMEN.

*The celebrant continues*

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

### *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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

### **The Invitation to Communion**

#### *Celebrant*

This is the banquet of Christ. In His kingdom there are no outcasts. Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table.

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion with Those Worshiping Online**

#### *Celebrant and People*

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

### **Notes for Those Making a Physical Communion**

- *Please remain in your seat until an usher invites you come forward.*

- For those with gluten allergies, gluten-free communion wafers are available. Simply ask the priest as communion is offered to you.
- For those who wish, the chalice will be offered on either side of the altar. Following convocation guidelines, intinction will not be allowed at this time. Please know that the church has always taught that communion in one kind is a full and valid communion. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply return to your seat, stop and bow to the chalice or simply touch the chalice as a sign of reverence.

## Communion Anthem "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

G. Kendrick

## Communion Hymn "O Light of Light, Love given birth"

Hymn 133



1 O Light of Light, Love giv - en birth; Je - sus, Re -  
 2 Two pro - phets, who had faith to see, with your e -  
 3 May all who seek to praise a - right through pur - er



deem - er of the earth: more bright than day your face did  
 lect found com - pan - y; the heavens a - bove your glo - ry  
 lives show forth your light. To you, the King of glo - ry,



show, your rai - ment whit - er than the snow.  
 named, your Fa - ther's voice his Son pro - claimed.  
 now all



faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

## The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

*All are invited to stand*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

### Celebrant

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you forever.

**Amen**

## Closing Hymn | "O wondrous type! O vision fair"

Hymn 136



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray,  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son,



1 of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
 2 the in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;  
 3 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 4 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y;  
 5 and Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er One,



1 which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 2 and from the cloud, the Ho - ly One  
 3 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 4 for which in joy - ful strains we raise  
 5 vouch - safe to bring us by thy grace



1 where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 2 bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.  
 3 who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 4 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 5 to see thy glo - ry face to face.

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant** Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE



Please join us in the Gemeindesaal (Fellowship Hall) for  
coffee after the service.

