

# A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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## **Mission Statement**

To love and serve God and our neighbor, by striving to meet the needs of God's people.

## **Vision Statement**

To be a Christian community of faith where love lives, love works, to spread the good news of God's grace and mercy.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love Hymnal 337

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

*The 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.**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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**

**FIRST READING**

**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

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 2**

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 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."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 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."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*  
he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, \*  
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

## SECOND READING

2 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymnal 616

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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.**

## **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 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**

We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, for Anne, our bishop, for William and Arthur, our retired bishops, and for all in our parish.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Gracious God, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love, and help us to show your love to others. (Especially, we pray for those of different political and moral opinions)

God of love,

**grant our prayer.**

We pray for all people, for places where there is war or famine.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom. (Especially, we pray for our government leaders)

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for our community and for all who live and work in this area.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God, our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, for sick people, for those in the hospital, and for those with any other problems. Especially, Les Blakemore, Jan Wooley, Kim Sands, and James Bragg.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or mentally/emotionally challenged. And bless all those who try to help them.

God of love  
**grant our prayer.**

We remember all those who have died.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your care for them.

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves – all that we will do this week, and all those we will meet.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Loving God, we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

### **Celebrant**

Those things, O God, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake.

***Amen.***

**CONFESSION OF SIN**            *You may stand or be seated as able.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister 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**

*All stand, as able.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord with a bow or wave.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## OFFERTORY

Siyahamba

Morgan State University Choir,  
James Abbingtion

## DOXOLOGY

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. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**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.**

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 with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise.

## SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Host  
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.

*The People stand.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

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,

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

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 St. Andrew 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 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.*

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

### **THE 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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

**S-164**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*To partake communion in the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons may approach the altar and receive the bread in their outstretched hand, saying "Amen" when the minister says "The Body of Christ". You can then choose to drink wine from the cup, or to receive the bread only. If you do not wish to receive the wine, fold your arms across your chest after receiving the bread. If you desire not to receive either, but a blessing instead, fold your arms across your chest and wait for the priest to bless you.*

## HYMNS AT THE COMMUNION

O Freedom	LEVAS 225
This Little Light of Mine	LEVAS 222
It is Well with My Soul	LEVAS 188

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.*

## THE BENEDICTION

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

**BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM:** Lift Every Voice and Sing LEVAS 1  
*Florida All-State Reading Chorus, Karl Schrock, James Bass*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessings Hymnal 334

## DISMISSAL

**Celebrant** Let us go forth in the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit!  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## LAY READER'S SCHEDULE

DATE	I LESSON	II LESSON	PRAYERS
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kelly Henderson-Kessell	James Greene	Pearl Culbreath
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Shepherd	Andrea Porter	Velma Romain-Rouse
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Williams	Lois Jackson	Yvonne Gates
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Will Seifert-Kessell	Dianne Audrick Smith	Stephanie Combs

### CHALICE MINISTERS

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Darcel Arrington
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Kelly Henderson-Kessell
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Gail Williams
	<b>Alternate – Linda Adams</b>

### USHER'S SCHEDULE

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrea, Gail
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pearl, Kelly
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Darcel, Leticia
February 18 <sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday)	Pearl, Darcel
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim, Patti Joy

### VESTRY COUNTERS' SCHEDULE

First Sunday	Lois Jackson, Andrea Appling, Darcel Arrington
Second Sunday	Leslie Blakemore, Carmen Wildgoose
Third Sunday	Jerome Rubin, Brenda Shepherd
Fourth Sunday	Giesele Greene, William Seifert-Kessell
Fifth Sunday	Lois Jackson, Andrea Appling



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