

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving : Eucharistic Prayer I

Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Those not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply signify by crossing your arms over your chest.

Postcommunion Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal

Altar Guild

MJ Mayerchak, Peggy Riethmiller, Mary Webster, Marjorie Connolly, Kitty Wainwright, Jane Brooke, chair

AV Team

Sharon White, Jim White, Patrick McGuire, Keith Gibson, Mary Price, Tim Price

Flower Guild

Elizabeth Boetsch, Claudia Ellis, Gail Dick, Rene Glidden, Catherine Harcus, Elizabeth Harralson, Peggy Riethmiller, Joy Harris, Kathy Kozak

Readers & Chalicists

Lu Dooley, Holt Merchant, Diana Kenney, Gail Dickerson

Ushers

Holt Merchant, Paul Robblee, Joanne Robblee

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

February 27, 2022

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

8:00 a.m.

Announcements—Today:

If you are visiting Grace Church this morning, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack and place in the offertory plate or hand to an usher. Thank you!

Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast, 9:15am, Parish Hall. All are welcome!

RARA Food Pantry Volunteers needed, contact Kathy Hill for more info. kathrynchill1@gmail.com
This week:

Lenten Madness starts March 2! Go to lentmadness.org to join the fun, fill out your bracket and learn about some Saints!

Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist Services March 2: 7:30am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm (Ashes only), 6:00pm

"Turning: A Community Gathering for Reflection on Walking the Way of Love" Friday, March 4, 5:30-6:30 "Unity Choral Concert" Saturday, March 5, 2pm.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

Gloria

BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day

whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Luke 9:28-43a

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants:

Pray for The Anglican Communion; The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop; the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines; the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Archbishop, The Most Rev. Justin Badi Arama; the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael B Curry; the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas.

Pray for the Youth of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, our Canon for Christian Formation, Pattie Ames, and our Canon for Evangelism & Youth, Jenni Faires.

Pray for Bob and Lynda DeMaria, Peter Fyfe, Lucy Moise, Bob Crewdson, David Burford, Mary Jane Hubbard, Glen Jones, Don Ellis, Don & Robyn Fleming (uncles of Pat McGuire), Alice Furgerson, Julie Jennings, Mary Froehlich, Hunter Headings, Betty Swope, Bill Kozak, Bob Glidden, Eli Bradley, Richard

Jones, Daniel Hudgins, Sue Denson, Henry Eichelberger, Kirk Follo, and those we name aloud or in our hearts.

Pray for those who have died.

Pray for all people, the people of Russia and the people of Ukraine, of the region and the world. Pray for those who have power and influence to bring this war to a swift and just restoration of peace.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week – Joseph Henson (2/27), Caitie Carrington (2/28), Erin Carrington (2/28), Katherine Green (3/2), George Huger (3/5)

Celebrant: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, for the Lord our God is the Holy One. Placing our hope in God, offering ourselves to God, let us pray, "Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus, and transform our lives."

Reader: Almighty God, as we turn our gaze toward our Lenten journey, strengthen us to bear our cross and to follow faithfully in the way of your Son, Jesus. (*Silence*)

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus; ***And transform our lives.***

O mighty King, lover of justice, establish equity, that the dignity of every human being may be preserved and respected. But also show us mercy and forgive us for our failures. (*Silence*)

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus; ***And transform our lives.***

Your glory outshines the brightness of the sun; the earth shakes in your presence and yet, it pleases you, O God, to reveal yourself to us through your creation. Give us hearts that love what you call good. (*Silence*)

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus; ***And transform our lives.***

We pray for all those in need of your liberating salvation, O God. May the glory we encounter here shine on our faces and in our lives. Strengthen us to embody the Good News of your love. (*Silence*)

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus; ***And transform our lives.***

Lord Jesus, free the suffering from their afflictions. Restore the broken to wholeness. Unveil the faces of those who dwell in great darkness. (*You may add your intentions silently or aloud*)

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus; ***And transform our lives.***

May we be changed into the likeness of your Son, O God, from glory to glory. Bring us at last into that place, with all your saints, where we might no longer see in a mirror dimly, but see you face to face. (*Silence*)

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus; ***And transform our lives.***

Celebrant: Eternal God, who didst inspire Anna Julia Haywood Cooper and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright with the love of learning and the joy of teaching: Help us also to gather and use the resources of our communities for the education of all thy children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* (*Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, 1964, and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, 1904 Educators*)

Confession of Sin

The Peace

Welcome

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