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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

February 11, 2024 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

*The liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).
Hymns and Service Music (S) are in the Hymnal 1982.*

ORGAN PRELUDE..... *Cortège et litanie*..... Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 427 *When morning gilds the skies*..... LAUDES DOMINI

The liturgy continues on page 355 of the Prayer Book.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO S-277 David Hurd (b. 1951), *New Plainsong*

THE 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.

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.

1. The Lord has spoken, God of gods,
He calls the earth from east to west;
From Zion, perfect in its grace,
He makes his glory manifest.

2. Our God will come with raging storm,
Consuming flame, and not be still;
He calls the heav'ns and earth to see
As now his people hear his will.

3. "Assemble all my followers
Who sealed the bond with sacrifice;"
For God the Lord himself is judge;
Let heav'n declare his cause is right.

- Christopher L. Webber, *A New Metrical Psalter* (1986)

THE EPISTLE..... 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.

HYMN 129Christ upon the mountain peak.....MOWSLEY

THE HOLY GOSPELMark 9:2-9

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.

SERMON..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte

THE NICENE CREED.....Prayer Book, page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form VPrayer Book, page 389

CONFESSION OF SINPrayer Book, page 360

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM O Light of Light..... Cary Ratcliff (b. 1953)

The anthem text may be found at Hymn #134.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER BPrayer Book, page 367

SANCTUS S-124..... David Hurd, *New Plainsong*

FRACTION ANTHEM S-154 David Hurd, *New Plainsong*

All Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

ANTHEM Alleluia, song of gladness..... Plainsong, mode II

The anthem text may be found at Hymn #121.

HYMN 137 O wondrous type! O vision fair..... WAREHAM

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNIONPrayer Book, page 365

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 135Songs of thankfulness and praiseSALZBURG

ORGAN POSTLUDE.....King of Kings William Farley Smith (1941–1997)

*For He is King of kings, and He is Lord of lords;
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like Him!
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, no man works like Him.
The River of Jordan He did cross, no man works like Him.
He pitched his tents on Canaan’s ground, no one works like Him.*

and broke the Roman kingdom down, no man works like Him.

He built his throne up in the air, no man works like Him.

and called the saints from ev'rywhere, no man works like Him.

For He is King of kings, and He is Lord of lords;

Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like Him!

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday..... Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Proper Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes, Noon & 6:00 p.m.

Monday–Tuesday, Thursday–Saturday Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

Ash Wednesday services with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist will be **at Noon and 6:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed for ECW Lenten Soup Days! Please contact Marshall Middleton or another member of the ECW to find out more. Soup Days will **begin on Wednesday, February 21.**

The next program by the **Carrefour Collaborative Music Project**, featuring works for organ and organ and instruments, will be **February 25 at 3:00 p.m.** Admission is by donation. For more information, visit the Carrefour Facebook Page.

There will be a **Work Day** in the **Church gardens** on **March 2 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

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