Holy Eucharist

The Last Sunday of **Epiphany Year A**

February 19, 2023

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Prelude



Hymnal 135



Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One*People* You come to your people and set them free.

The Presider begins the Collect for Purity

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.**



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Collect of the Day

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	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**.

All sit.

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from the book of Exodus

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.

ReaderThe word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Remain seated.

Psalm 99

to be prayed responsively

1 God reigns; let the people tremble; * God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. 2 God is great in Zion * and is high above all peoples. 3 Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome; * God is the Holy One. 4 "O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." 5 We proclaim your greatness, O God, and fall down before your footstool; * you are the Holy One. 6 Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your Name, * they called upon you, and you answered them. 7 You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them. 8 "O Holy God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds." 9 Proclaim the greatness of our God, and worship on God's holy hill, *

for our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

A Reading from the second letter of Peter.

¹⁶We 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. ¹⁷For 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." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So 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. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

ReaderThe word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 137

O wondrous type, O vision fair



All remain standing as they are able.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Six days [after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God], Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then 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." ⁵While 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!" ⁶When the

disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As 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."

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

All sit.

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Brothers and sisters, let us go to the mountain of God's generosity, offering our prayers as we respond, "Hear us, God of Glory."

Intercessor That we may offer ourselves to the refashioning hands of the Divine Potter, who centers, molds, and changes us into vessels of grace; let us pray. **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Silence is kept.

That we may admit our faults, our desire to keep things as they are and to return to things that never were, so that when Christ invites us into a transformed life, we may readily answer his call; let us pray. **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Silence is kept.

For a vigorous spirit of mutual cooperation and unity, that we may treasure the common ground which we share with the whole Anglican Communion, and work together to share in the fruits of God's dominion across our nations, cultures, tribes, and peoples; let us pray. **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Silence is kept.

For the cessation of war, that armaments of destruction may be made into tools for development, and that resources spent on the fields of battle may instead support the basic necessities of life; let us pray. **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Silence is kept.

For a commitment to a life of simplicity, that we may preserve for generations to come the beauty of land and seas and sky, and the complexity of every living creature. We give you thanks for [______and] all the blessings of this life. Let us pray; **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Silence is kept.

For the sick, and those in any kind of trouble [especially_____]; let us pray. **Hear us, God of Glory.**

That those who have died [especially____] may experience the blessed rest of everlasting peace; let us pray. **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Silence is kept.

Presider For which other people or circumstances shall we pray this morning?

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All then kneel as they are able

Confession of Sin

A Minister says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 our Savior 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.

A Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

All stand as they are able

Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* And also with you.

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sibling has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your sibling, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider proceeds

Creating and liberating God, you called your people into covenant with you and sealed your trust with Moses on the mountain; you called your people back to that covenant through your prophets and spoke in a still small voice to Elijah on a mountain.

- Then, in your Son Jesus, on a mountain you stood between the Law and the Prophets and revealed the radiance of your gospel.
- On Calvary's hill your Son redeemed us by the blood of your new covenant, and on the mountain in Galilee he ascended to your right hand on high.

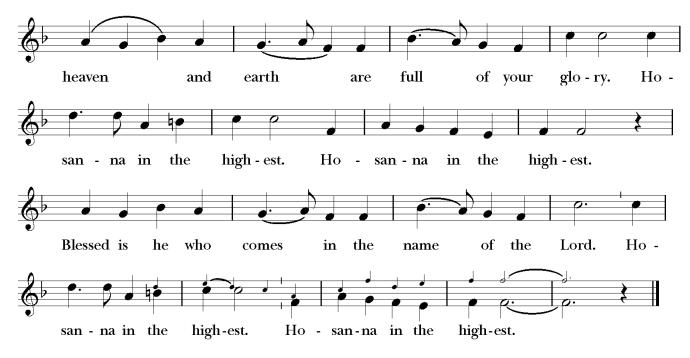
And so we gladly thank you, celebrating your glory with angels and archangels,

and all the company of heaven, dazzled by your face, and singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy

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The Presider continues

Dazzling God, you set up your tent and make your dwelling among us.

Abide with us + now through the power of your Holy Spirit,

that your people may become a temple of your presence,

and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Presider and People

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues

Transfiguring God, it is good for us to be here.

Through this holy sacrament make us your sons and daughters; may we be close to all children who have no one to share your love and mercy with them.

Make us your beloved, and visit all who have no one to call them beloved.

Give us grace to listen to your voice, and bring to your heart any who have no one to listen to them.
Surround us with your prophetic company and take us up into the whirlwind of your glory, until the day comes when the waters of the Jordan are parted,
and the heavens are opened, and the chariots bring us home to you, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

Community of saints, beloved of God, we are invited to come and gather at the table of love and liberation. Come, and love relentlessly; following Christ on paths of uncertainty, taking risks for one another, calling down unjust power from its throne and lifting up the lowly, the impoverished, the burdened.

Blessed are those, Jesus said, who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Give us the grace to remember that we are all one body, because we all share in Christ's love and life. For all of us who cannot gather at this altar today, may we remember that we are fully beloved, that God dwells in each of our hearts.

For those of us who are present at this altar, may we remember that we are connected far beyond this time and place with all those who pray.

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

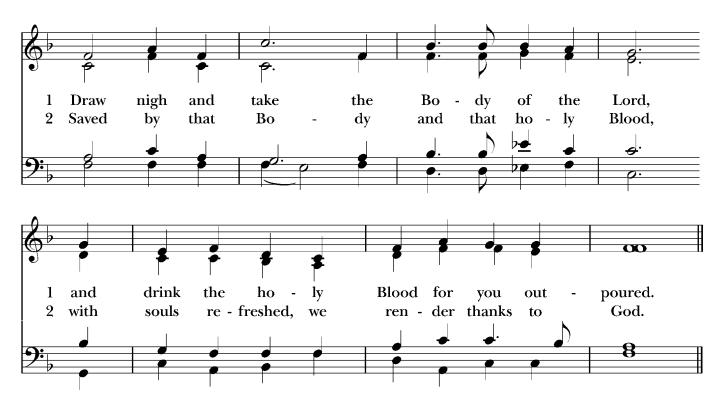
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Remaining seated, the following is sung after all have received, and the table is being cleared.

Post-Communion Hymn

Hymnal 328

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord



The Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider 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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Dismissal and Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Be a blessing to everyone.

And may the blessing +of the God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Closing Hymn

Chorus Book 169





Dismissal

MinisterGo forth to serve the Lord in the love of Jesus, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude

This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and churches in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA) and for all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation
Anglican Cycle of Prayer:
February 19 Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:
February 19 Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, St Katherine's, Williamston; St Gabriel's, Consuelo, and St Mary, Full of Grace, Mao, DR

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Karyn, Rob, Joan, Patricia and our continuing prayers for: Carlos, George, Robert, Selenah

Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. *The most recent most-needed items* are: baked beans, coffee, hamburger (or other) helper, spaghetti sauce, cereal, 64-oz fruit juices, crackers, and laundry soap. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let <u>Nancy</u> know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with "St Barnabas" on the memo line. The *Food In-Gathering is TODAY, February 19, 2023*. Please contribute as generously as you can. The next In-Gathering will be Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Service for Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, will be held at 7:00pm. Those who wish to Zoom should use the usual Sunday link; this can be found at the top of this bulletin. Ashes have been mailed to those who usually do not attend services in person.

Upcoming Commemorations

- Feb. 19 Agnes Tsao Kou Ying, Agatha Lin Zhao, & Lucy Yi Zhenmei: Martyrs, 1856, 1858,& 1862
 - 20 Frederick Douglass, Social Reformer, 1895
 - 21 John Henry Newman, Bishop & Theologian, 1890
 - 22 **Ash Wednesday**; Margaret of Cortona, Monastic, 1297; and, Eric Liddell, Missionary to China, 1945
 - 23 Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156
 - 24 Matthias the Apostle
 - 25 Emily Malbone Morgan, Lay Leader & Contemplative, 1937; and, John Roberts, Priest, 1949

Lent is coming up very soon! This important season begins on **February 22**. Lent, as Advent is to Christmas, is our time of intentional preparation to receive with freshness and renewed vitality, the mystery of the resurrection of Christ. It is during this forty-day period (not including the Sundays) that we contemplate the suffering of Jesus Christ and that suffering makes the resurrection not only possible, but powerful.

Lent can be enriched for us by taking some time to quiet our hearts and pray. *Compline for Lent* will be offered at 7:00 pm on the five Wednesdays of the season: March 1,8,15,22,29 via Zoom. If you would like to serve one of these short services as the People's Respondent, please let <u>Amma Marion</u> know.

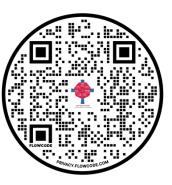
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February 19, 2023 – Last Sunday in Epiphany (A) Intro: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of



Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come

along with us as we explore *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at *iam.ec/lifetransformed* or by scanning the QR code to the right.

Intro

Wednesday, February 22

Today's Prompt: How do you incorporate rest into your life?

Read: "Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it."

– Jeremiah 6:16

Thursday, February 23

Today's Prompt: How does community help or hinder your growing in Christ? *Read:* "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God." – John 1:12-13

Friday, February 24

Today's Prompt: Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story? *Read:* "Finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus." – Luke 5:19

Saturday, February 25

Today's Prompt: How might you connect with others in the spirit of renewal? *Read:* "He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence." - 1 Kings 19:11-12

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LENT-MADNESS

If you're new to this wacky online devotion, you can learn how it all works by clicking here. Unlike professional and collegiate sporting events, there is no admission cost for Lent Madness, but souvenirs and study aids are available in the **Lentorium**. These include the ever-popular Saintly Scorecard: The Definitive Guide to Lent Madness 2023 (order as single copies.

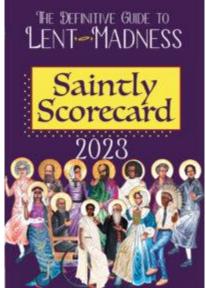
"Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born on his blog "Clergy Confidential."

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a

tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move ino the area of saintly kitsch. If you're not sure about terminology, check out our glossary. It's free!

In 2011 came the introduction of four "celebrity bloggers" to champion particular saints through the Faithful Four. In 2012 we partnered with Forward Movement and Executive Director Scott Gunn to create our own website and broaden the number of people involved in the writing process, with Tim and Scott serving as the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee.

Along the way we've added more celebrity bloggers, a poster-sized bracket, weekly Monday Madness videos, and the Saintly Scorecard, an annual publication containing all 32 first round



bios, information about how to participate in Lent Madness as a congregation, and an essential Vocabulary List to decipher all things Lent Madness.

We've also inspired thousands of people along the way by forming an online community of people who are passionate about taking their faith but not themselves too seriously. Articles and spots about Lent Madness have appeared in the *Washington Post*, NPR, Huffington Post, FOXNews, NBC, USAToday, and even *Sports Illustrated*.

As Lent Madness continues to grow and evolve, what won't change is the essence of Lent Madness: allowing people to get to know some amazing people who have come before us in the faith and reminding one another that there's no reason for a dreary Lenten discipline. If this helps people connect with the risen Christ during this season of penitence and renewal, and have a bit of fun in the process, then it continues to be worthwhile.

We hope you'll participate fully this Lent and vote with reckless abandon! (*Once* -- this isn't Chicago)."



Tim and Scott discussing the relative merits and saintliness of Athanasius vs. Florence Nightingale

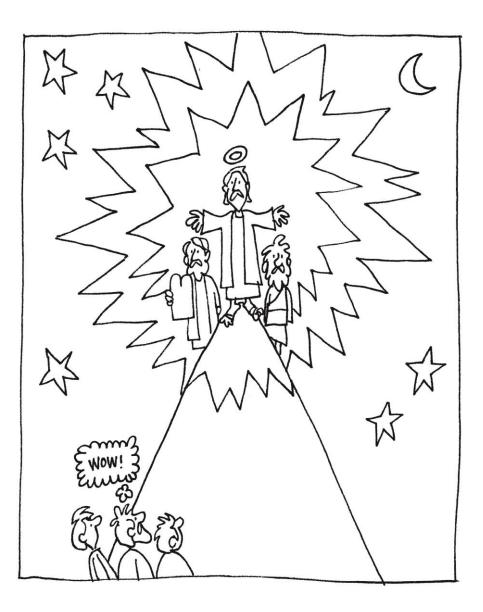
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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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