# The 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to our home! We would love for you to join our family!

# February 19, 2023

### We Gather

Processional Hymn: #525

The Church's one foundation (v. 1-3)

Please stand & sing as you are able.

#### **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**

*Celebrant:* 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.** 

#### Gloria: #S-277

Please remain standing.

#### 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. **Amen.**

# We Hear God's Word

#### First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

Please be seated.

*Reader:* 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.

- *Reader:* The Word of the Lord.
- People: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 2

Read responsively by half verse.

- *Reader:* Why are the nations in an uproar?
- People: Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- *Reader:* Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,
- People: against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- *Reader:* "Let us break their yoke," they say;
- People: "let us cast off their bonds from us."

Reader: He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision. People: Reader: Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and his rage fills them with terror. People: Reader: "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." People: Reader: Let me announce the decree of the Lord: he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. People: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance Reader: People: and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall crush them with an iron rod Reader: and shatter them like a piece of pottery." People: And now, you kings, be wise; Reader: People: be warned, you rulers of the earth. Reader: Submit to the Lord with fear, People: and with trembling bow before him; Reader: Lest he be angry and you perish; People: for his wrath is quickly kindled. Reader: Happy are they all

People: who take refuge in him!

#### Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

*Reader:* A reading from second letter of Peter.

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.

Sequence Hymn: #656

Blest are the pure in heart (v. 1-2 before, v. 3-4 after Gospel)

#### Please stand & sing as you are able.

Please remain standing.

#### 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.

Sermon: The Rev. Chris Cole

Please be seated.

#### We Pray

Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

- 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

Please kneel, sit, or stand.

- *Reader:* Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.
- *Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.
- People: Lord, have mercy.
- *Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...
- People: St. John's, Norman; St. Anselm Canterbury OU Campus Ministry; Diocese of Maryland; Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania; The Church of England.
- *Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God. *People:* Lord, have mercy.

*Reader:* We pray for...

People: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Chris & Tom, our clergy; Alex & Audrey, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.

#### Offertory

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

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here

- Reader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...
- People: Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Josh, our Congressman; James & Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.
- Reader: For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...
- People: Holly & family, Johnson family, Ronnie, Julio, Niko, Mike, Steve, John, Nancy, Betty, Crystal, Neal, Malisha, Justin, Renna, Kiley, those impacted by warespecially in Ukraine, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.
- We pray for those who have died, especially... Reader:
- Donita Lewis and John Tillison. Lord, have mercy. People:
- For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, Reader: especially ...
- People: Nancy, D.I., Alex, Archie, Charles, and Pam.
- Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Please kneel, sit, or stand.

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Silence is observed.

- Celebrant & 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.
- 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.

#### Peace

Please stand as you are able.

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

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

#### Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Please be seated.

#### Doxology: #380 v. 3

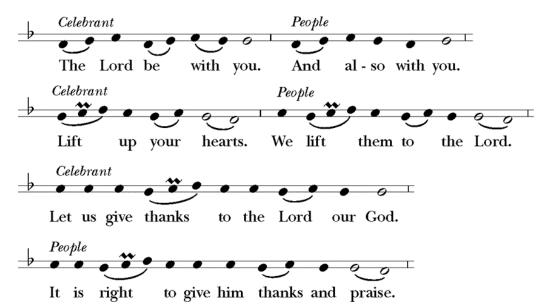
Please stand & sing as you are able.

#### We Share the Meal

Eucharistic Prayer A

#### Sursum Corda: #S-120

Please remain standing.



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

*Celebrant:* 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus: #S-125

Please sit or kneel after the Sanctus.

*Celebrant:* † Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."  $\dagger$   $\dagger$   $\dagger$ 

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."  $\dagger \dagger \dagger$ 

*Celebrant:* Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### Celebrant & People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. *AMEN*.

#### Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant & 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

#### Fraction Anthem: #S-154

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

#### **Communion Music**

# We Go Into the World

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People:

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.

#### **Epiphany Blessing**

*Celebrant:* May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.** 

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.** 

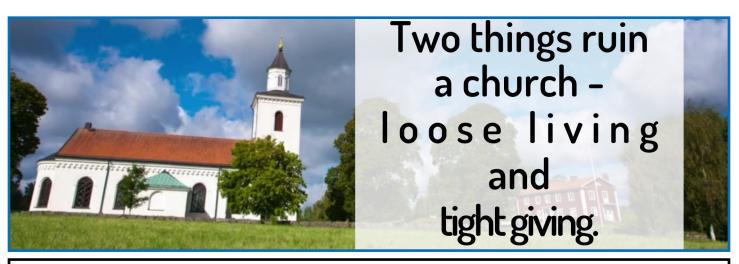
May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.** 

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

Recessional Hymn: #124What star is this, with beams so brightPlease stand & sing.(v. 1, 2, 5)

#### Dismissal

*Celebrant*: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.





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