

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

The Last Sunday in Epiphanytide

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Adagio in E Major – Frank Bridge (1879 – 1941)

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hymn 362

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), alt.

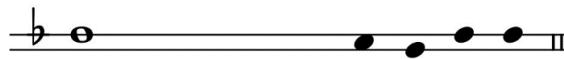
Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876), Descant by Paul Halley

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be God, whose radiance fills the whole earth.

The People respond



Glory to God for - ev - er and ev - er.

SONG OF PRAISE



1. I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me I'm so glad

glad that lift-ed so glad that

Je-sus lift-ed me I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me sing-ing

Lord so glad that

glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Je - sus lift - ed me.

2. Satan had me bound (Jesus lifted me).

3. When I was in sin (Jesus lifted me).

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. (b. 1958)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of majesty and glory, you reveal your Son in the message of the prophets and the witness of the apostles. Give us grace, that we may heed his voice and receive him in faith. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON *seated*

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.



His love, His love, His love is ev - er la - sting.

God reigns; let the people tremble; *

God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

God is great in Zion *

and is high above all peoples. **Refrain**

Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome; *

God is the Holy One.

"O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." **Refrain**

We proclaim your greatness, O God, and fall down before your footstool; *

you are the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon your Name, *

they called upon you, and you answered them. **Refrain**

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

"O Holy God, you answered them indeed; *

you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of our God and worship on God's holy hill, *

for our God is the Holy One. **Refrain**

Anglican Carl Haywood
Refrain: Leon C. Roberts

THE EPISTLE

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.

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GOSPEL HYMN *stand and turn toward the Deacon as the Gospel is brought among the People.* Hymn 635

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

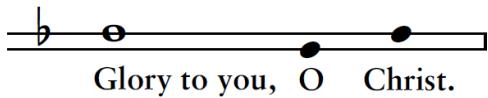
all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt.
 Music: Wer nur den lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

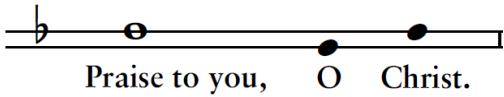
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glory to you, O 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Based on the Commitment Card for the
Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights
by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

**We believe in God,
whose love is revealed in Jesus Christ,
and whose purpose is justice, reconciliation, and freedom for all people.**

**We believe the way of Jesus is the way of love—
a love that rejects violence of fist, tongue, and heart,
seeks not victory over others but the healing of the whole community,
and calls us to costly faithfulness.**

**We believe God calls us to disciplined lives of prayer,
to daily reflection on the teachings of Jesus,
to service for others and for the world,
and to sacrifice for the sake of freedom.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit strengthens us
to walk and talk in the manner of love,
to treat friend and foe with dignity,
and to keep going when the work is hard.**

This is our faith.

This is our commitment.

With God's help, we will live it.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During Black History Month we will be using prayers that focus on God's indiscriminate, inclusive, and liberating love and mercy, and our call to follow in this way.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for the witness of Black leaders, prophets, and saints who call us to seek justice and love mercy.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your Church, gathered in every land and culture. Strengthen us to reflect your justice and love, proclaim the dignity of every person, and bear witness to your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for this nation and all in authority. Guide leaders to work for equity, reconciliation, and peace, that your vision of justice may shape their decisions. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the rich contributions of Black communities throughout history, for their resilience, creativity, and leadership. Inspire us to honor and preserve these legacies in our shared story. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer from racism, discrimination, or injustice. Break the chains of oppression and give us courage to challenge inequity in our lives and institutions. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for this community of St. Paul's on the Green, that we may walk in the light of your truth and embody the radical welcome of Jesus Christ, building a world where all are valued and loved. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Deacon says

Loving God, we pray for those who are sick, suffering, or in any kind of need, especially those we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. (*Pause for intercessions.*) We pray for those who have died and those who mourn. (*Pause for intercessions.*) May they know your comfort and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty God, you have made us one human family in your image and called us to live as your children. Guide us by your Spirit to be a Church that celebrates diversity, confronts injustice, and seeks your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11am*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks

Herbert Howells (1892 – 1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks :
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night :
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

Hymn 304

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to -
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.
Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. From the beginning, you made all humanity in your image, declaring us your beloved children. Through trials and triumphs, you have walked with your people, guiding us by your Spirit of freedom and truth. We give you thanks for the sacred witness of Black women, men, and children, who reflected your light in the darkness. In the face of enslavement, oppression, and injustice, they proclaimed your liberation. Through their courage, faith, and resilience, they revealed your glory. With them, and all the company of heaven, we join in their song of praise:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,

of the Lord. Ho - - san - - na in the

high - - est ho - - san - - na in the high - - est.

Setting: Grayson Warren Brown

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God, in your love you made us for yourself. When we had fallen into sin and death, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to share our humanity and proclaim the good news of your kingdom.

Born of a woman, raised among the poor, and baptized in the waters of liberation, Jesus brought light to those in shadow. He broke bread with the outcast, healed the sick, and lifted the brokenhearted. In his life, death, and resurrection, you showed us the way of reconciliation and the power of love to overcome hatred.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus gathered his friends. He took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

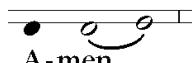
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, offering these gifts of bread and wine. 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 be strengthened to walk in the way of love.

Grant that, guided by your Spirit, we may honor the legacy of those who came before us, shine your light in our time, work for justice and peace, proclaim freedom to the captive, comfort the mourning, and share the good news of your reign with all.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People



A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Unison

Our Father in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *Mass for Grace*

Dr. Carl Haywood is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia and is an accomplished organist, conductor, and prolific composer of church music. Dr. Haywood holds an undergraduate degree from Norfolk State University and two Masters degrees in Choral Conducting and Organ Performance from Southern Methodist University, as well as a Doctorate of Musical arts Degree from the University of Southern California. Dr. Haywood serves as Director of Choral Activities at NSU and the National Conductor for the 105 Voices of History. This setting of the Lord's Prayer comes from his "Mass for Grace."

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

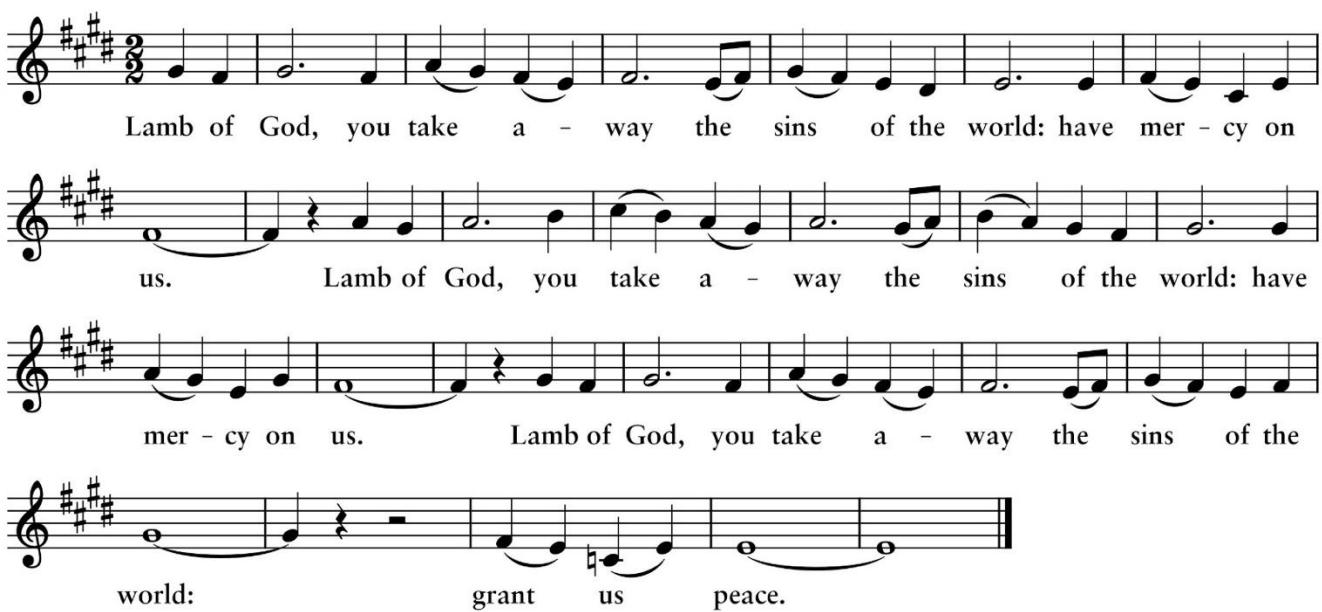
Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



The musical notation is for a hymn setting in G major (indicated by a C-clef and three sharps) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are repeated three times in a call-and-response style. The first two repetitions are for the congregation, and the third is for the celebrant. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns with various rests and dynamics.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: grant us peace.

Setting: Marjorie Landmark-DeLewis (1930-2016)

Marjorie Landmark-DeLewis was a pianist, singer, composer, arranger, harpsichordist, organist and music teacher. The bulk of her work was as a musician and composer of dance music. Marjorie was one of the first African-American graduates of The Juilliard School of Music. In 1954 she joined the Aubrey Hitchins Dance School, where she discovered her passion for ballet music. She became famous as a rehearsal pianist for ballet schools in the mid-1960's and worked in this field for many years. Over the course of her distinguished career, she worked with Agnes de Mille as rehearsal pianist for the American Ballet Theater.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Choir at 11am*

Grant us your peace

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

Grant us your peace, O loving Lord,
our rock and firm foundation,
our faith is in your excellent word,
speaking to every nation,
your promise of sure salvation.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May the God who created you in love,
the Christ who redeems you with grace,
and the Spirit who strengthens you with power,
bless you to walk in the way of justice and love,
this day and always.

Amen.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.
 Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

THE SENDING

Go forth in the light of God's justice and peace. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro assai vivace from Sonata No. 1- Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

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