

**The Last Sunday after Epiphany**  
March 2, 2025

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The service begins in quiet and prayer.

**Prelude:** *Alleluias* Robert Lau (b. 1943)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

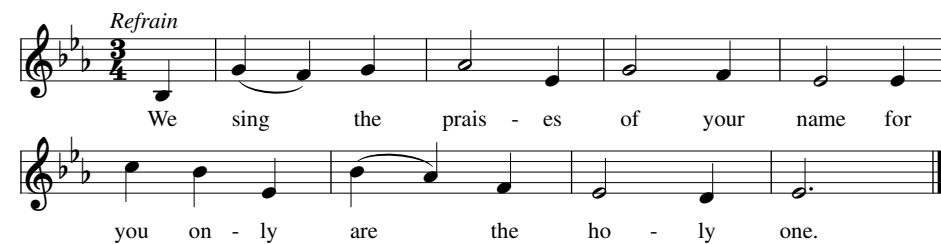
**Processional Hymn 137:** *O Wondrous Type*

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*People* **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.**

**Canticle of Praise:** *The Song of the Redeemed*



O ruler of the universe, Lord God  
great deeds are they that you have **done**, \*  
surpassing human **understanding**.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and **truth**, \*  
O king of all the **ages**. *Refrain*

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your **Name**? \*  
for you only are the holy **One**.  
All nations will draw near and fall down **before you**, \*  
because your just and holy works have been **revealed**. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the **Son**,  
and to the Holy **Spirit**; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is **now**,  
and will be for ever. **Amen**. *Refrain*

**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**.

**The First Lesson:** *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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 99**



*Choir* The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; \*

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

**ALL** The LORD is great in Zion; \*

he is high above all peoples.

*Choir* Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*

— he is the Holy One.

**ALL** "O mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity; \*

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

*Choir* Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God

and fall down before his footstool; \*

— he is the Holy One.

**ALL** Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*

they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

*Choir* He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*

they kept his testimonies and decreed that he gave them.

**ALL** "O LORD our God, you answered them in deed; \*

you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God

and worship him upon his holy hill; \*

for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

**The Second Lesson:** *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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 129:** *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel:** *Luke 9:28-36*

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.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**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: 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.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Please stand or kneel*

In peace we pray to you, Lord God. *A brief silence* Grant to us a glimpse of your glory, that we might see your presence in all the gifts of daily life. Reveal yourself to us in the splendor of the sky, sun, earth, ice, and snow, that our praise may lead us to care tenderly for your creation.

*People* **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, send your Spirit upon the Church and fill it with truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Radiant God, let light shine in the darkness. Speak to those who look for glimmers of hope: refugees and displaced persons, exiles and immigrants, those who are oppressed, all who are lonely, and those who have lost their way. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, and all places torn apart by war. Guide the global community in the way of justice and truth as they work to end conflict and violence. Keep civilians out of harm's way and comfort those who are frightened. Gather all your people under the banner of the Prince of Peace. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, grant us the strength to do what has to be done today, and wisdom to calmly leave to one side what cannot be done. Fill us with prayer, draw together our scattered preoccupations, and help us to respond to every moment with our full attention. **God of light, hear our prayer.** *(adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous)*

Healing God, watch over those troubled in mind, body, and spirit, and their caregivers. We pray for those on our prayer list and all whose struggles are known to you alone. *Pause* Be present to them in the support of friends and in the care of doctors, nurses, and chaplains, and fill them with the warmth of your love, now and always. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Source of all power, make us grateful for the gifts we receive in all seasons of our lives: for energy in youth, for strength in middle age, and for wisdom in aging. We give thanks for the 103rd birthday today of Becky Bonnell. Make us grateful for the blessings we receive every day. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we pray for all who have died, remembering especially Lavergne Powers, in whose memory the flowers are given today, and all those we love but see no longer. *Silence* Grant to them eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Loving God, you see us living in an unsteady and confusing world: Show us that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help us to take failure, not as a measure of our worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give us strength to hold our faith in you, and to keep alive our joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*  
**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.**

### The Peace

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

**Offertory Anthem:** *Wake up, My Spirit* Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)  
 The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

### Children's Entrance Hymn 123: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.*

### Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

*The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.*

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
*People* **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.*

*Celebrant* By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
**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 for ever. Amen.**

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

### Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

*Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

**Communion Anthem: Shine Your Light** Terry D. Taylor  
 The St. Andrew's Cherub Choir

**Communion Anthem: Sing a Jubilant Song** Dave and Jean Perry  
 The St. Andrew's Junior Choir

**Communion Hymn: Farewell to Alleluia** Donald Busarow (1934–2011)  
*Choir* Alleluia, song of sweetness, Voice of joy that cannot die; Alleluia is the anthem Ever dear to choirs on high; In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.

*Alleluia thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free; Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee; But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.*

*Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below; Alleluia our transgressions Make us for awhile forego; For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.*

*All* **Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee Grant us, blessed Trinity, At the last to keep Thine Easter In our home beyond the sky, There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.**

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*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.**

### The Blessing

### Closing Hymn 619: Sing Alleluia Forth

### Dismissal

*The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.*  
*Young people* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: Every Time I Feel the Spirit (Five Spirituals)** Adolphus Hailstork