

## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2020 – 10:30 A.M.

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

Prelude: Three Pieces

Aaron Travers (b. 1975)

II.

### THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Esto mihi*

Anglican Chant: Thomas Tallis

Be thou my God and defender, and a place of refuge, that thou mayest save me: for thou art my upholder, my refuge, and my Savior; and for thy holy name's sake be thou my leader, and my sustainer. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion: but rid me, and deliver me in thy righteousness.

– *Psalm 31:3,4,2*

Hymn 137: “O wondrous type! O vision fair”

Wareham, *stand*

Opening Sentences

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

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

The Collect for Purity

*Priest:* 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 in Excelsis (*Hymnal S 202*)

*All:* **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*Lector:* A Reading from The Book of Exodus. (24: 12-18) *sit*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 99

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

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn 133: “O Light of Light, Love given birth”

Elmhurst, *stand*

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
(17: 1-9)

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

Six 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. 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.”

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Kelly Carlson *sit*

The Nicene Creed p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

*Lector:* God has called us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Son. Let us pray for the church and for the world, that all people may know the light of Christ, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*kneel*

For the church and its ministry to the world, for all bishops and clergy, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; Deon, our Bishop-elect; Kelly and Joseph, our clergy; for our parish staff; and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority, and for an end to war and oppression, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For those who have not heard the good news of salvation, for those who have heard but have not believed, and for those who have forsaken their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the hungry and the homeless, for the unloved and the forgotten, and for all who seek to serve them, remembering especially the ministries of Beyond Housing, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace and Outreach Haiti, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, for the dying and the bereaved, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially Brooke Erwin, Bryan Miller, Steven Minton, Carl Schuldt, Scott Weaver and Joey Wilson, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, especially Marie Schmitz, and Bert Walker, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest:* Loving God, accept our thanks and praise for all your gifts so generously bestowed upon us, hear the petitions and intercessions of your faithful people, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Priest:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* **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.**

The Absolution

*Priest:* 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

p. 360, *stand*

*The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.*

Announcements

*sit*

Commissioning of St. Peter's Vestry and Search Committee

*All:* **O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Vestry and the Search Committee of St. Peter's Church, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that as they serve this congregation, in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.*

*If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.*

The Offertory Anthem: The Transfiguration

Larry King (1932–1990)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone as the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; a bright cloud covered them with a shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said: This is my Son; listen to him.

*–from the Gospel accounts of the Transfiguration*

The Presentation (*Hymn 380, stanza 3*)

Old 100th, *stand*

*All:* **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 114*)

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*kneel*

The Lord's Prayer

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Administration of the Sacrament

*sit*

Anthem

Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth  
Our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of Lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads his vanguard on the way,  
As the light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six wing'd seraph;  
Cherubim with sleepless eye  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, Lord most high.

Amen.

– *Liturgy of St. James; para. G. Moultrie*

Hymn 307: “Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor”

Bryn Calfaria

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 365, *kneel*

The Blessing

Hymn 460: “Alleluia! sing to Jesus!”

Hyfrydol, *stand*

The Dismissal

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Voluntary: Grand Choeur in D

William Faulkes (1863–1933)

*The sung setting of the Eucharist is the Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena  
by Healey Willan (1880–1968).*

*MUSIC NOTE:* Like every development in the western classical music tradition, the advent of electronic music did not go unnoticed by the church. By the 1960s, composers like Richard Felciano and Daniel Pinkham were writing sacred music that incorporated pre-recorded tape. American composer and organist *Larry King (1932–1990)* oversaw a permanent installation of sound equipment that would facilitate performances of this kind at his own church, Trinity, Wall Street. King's *The Transfiguration*, composed in 1977, uses electronic sounds effectively. At the end of the anthem, the voices of the Trinity Choir are heard on the tape.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Bert Walker, by his family.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:	DeWayne Trainer, Rob Heuermann
Ushers:	Didi Noelker, Doug Adderton, Mark Pye, Matt Bouchard
Acolytes:	Bailey Mathews, Grant Nicholson, John Rich Mateo Sanchez, Audrey Stockwell, Madison Stockwell
Acolyte Master:	Bill Gilbert
Hospitality:	Donna Hibler, Connie Lohr, Caren Vredenburg
Altar Guild:	Merrill Buettner, Susie Wilson, Claudia McMillan Caren Vredenburg, Nancy Grimes
Counters:	Tosca Schaberg, Ann Randazzo

## ***PRAYER LIST***

**For Parishioners:** Brooke Erwin, Bryan Miller and Carl Schuldt.

**For Family and Friends:** Steven Minton, Scott Weaver and Joey Wilson.

**For the Faithful Departed:** Marie Schmitz.

**For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces:** Zach Greata and Matt Robinson.

**For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:** Michelle Arthur, Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Chris Canepa, Elizabeth Clarke, Kathryn Dewein, Lucy Dolan, Greg Evans, Carol Fisher, Samantha Forsko, Karen Goddard, Patty Hecker, Clayton Hicks, Laney Johnson, Bob Kenny, Susan Kerkering, Madelyn Lane, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahan, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Rory Sabbah, Kathy Sheehan, Gerald Spencer, Wayne Spohr, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson, Rebecca Tyler, Rolla Wetzel and Dick Williams.

## ***TODAY...***

**WAFFLES AND THE SEARCH COMMITTEE?!** – It’s true! Come to the Sunday Forum at 9:15 a.m. this morning to enjoy delicious **waffles** alongside your eggs and bacon, and to hear a presentation from members of the Search Committee and its Chair, Chris Knight, about the search for St. Peter’s next Rector. If you have questions about the search process, this will be the perfect time to ask!

**FAMILIES** – Children are always welcome in church! Childcare is available in the Little Building from 9-11:45. If your child needs a break, the service is live-streamed in the Undercroft. A baby-changing station is available in the middle Undercroft restroom.

**CHILDREN’S CHAPEL** – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School.

## ***THIS WEEK...***

**NEWS DEADLINE** – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

**ST. PETER’S CARES** – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter’s has a ministry that can help – that’s St. Peter’s Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

**WOMAN’S GUILD** – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program by parishioner Mary Stillman, founder of Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls. Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

**LENT MADNESS** – Join the clergy, staff and parishioners in the “saintly smackdown” known as Lent Madness! During the season of Lent, thirty-two saints do battle to see who will win the coveted Golden Halo. Fill out your bracket today! **To participate, donate \$20 for Outreach and submit your completed bracket to the Church Office by Shrove Tuesday.** Bracket sheets and instructions are **available at the breakfast tables and Welcome Table on Sunday mornings**, in the Church Office, and on our website. There will be a small prize, and bragging rights for the winner. Join the Lenten fun, learn about the saints, and support our outreach ministries—all at the same time!

**IT'S PANCAKE SUPPER TIME** – Shrove Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Undercroft. Pay at the door: \$5 per person, \$15 per family. Children under 5 eat free. Hosted by the Youth, the evening helps fund our youth program. Enjoy!

**BURNING OF THE PALMS** – During the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, everyone is invited outdoors at 6:00 p.m. to participate in the burning of palms from Palm Sunday 2019. The palms will be ground into ashes for Ash Wednesday 2021. Bring your palms if you remembered to save them (and plan to save your palms this year for next year's burning).

**ENTER INTO A HOLY LENT ON ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Grace Chapel)
- 12:00 noon – Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (with Choir and Choristers)

**SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS** meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

**BIBLE STUDY** – Our Thursday morning study has moved to Fridays! Join us at 7:00 on Friday mornings in the Elliot Room.

**ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN** – We have reached \$1,081,830, 77% of our goal! Thank you to the 307 families who have pledged support to date. It is so important to have the support of all parishioners. Please help us wrap up our 2020 campaign by sending in your pledge, or pledge online at [www.stpetersepiscopal.org](http://www.stpetersepiscopal.org). Thanks!

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS...***

**ROB IS COMING** – Our Interim Rector, The Rev. Dr. Robert J. Voyle, will begin his tenure at St. Peter's **next Sunday**, March 1<sup>st</sup>. That morning's Sunday Forum will be your first opportunity to get to know Rob, and then we will welcome him at Coffee Hour with an introduction to some of St. Louis' finest delicacies. Gus' Pretzels anyone? Please plan on coming to meet and worship with Rob on his first day!

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER SERIES FOR LENT – “Yes!”** Join our Interim Rector for a Lenten program designed to help you discover and live a life in which you can simultaneously say *Yes! To God – Yes! To your Neighbor – Yes! To Yourself*.

Come learn from Rob about discerning your core purpose in life, and how it can lead you to Yes! The program, accompanied by simple supper, will follow our 5:30 service of Holy Eucharist in Grace Chapel on **every Wednesday of Lent** (March 4<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>). The evening will conclude by 8:00 p.m. Sign-up online or call the Church Office.

**SUNDAY FORUMS IN LENT – “Learning How to Forgive and Return to Love”**

Beginning on March 8<sup>th</sup>, Rob will lead a series focused on forgiveness. Learn the mechanism of resentment and forgiveness, and how to distinguish forgiveness from reconciliation. Explore the possibilities for forgiving and staying in love on your terms, even while people continue to behave offensively and injuriously. Rob promises that the gatherings will be very practical in nature. He invites you to bring your resentment and leave without it! Sundays in Lent at 9:15 a.m. in the Undercroft, beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CHORAL EVENSONG – Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** This is a traditional service of scripture, prayer, and music. The choral music is by American composers Searle Wright (1918–2004) and Craig Phillips (b. 1961). The canticles are Wright’s Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in E minor. The anthem is Phillips’s “Keep watch, dear Lord,” a setting of a beloved prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

**FOOD DRIVE** – As you shop for groceries this week, please take the food list with you for our March 1<sup>st</sup> food collection for Trinity food pantry. The groceries and toiletries most needed for March are: canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef); canned pasta with meat; Ramen noodles; bar soap and toilet tissue.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – Calling all parents and grandparents: Be sure to register your children and grandchildren, ages 4 to 10, for an exciting week of St. Peter’s VBS, June 1-5, 9am to Noon. Your children will be learning about Jesus’ Parables while having a wonderful time at camp. Register @ [stpetersepiscopal.org/vbs2020](http://stpetersepiscopal.org/vbs2020), \$50 per child or \$90 per family. Contact Ann Babington, Director of Christian Education, with questions, [annbabington@gmail.com](mailto:annbabington@gmail.com).

***SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 1, 2020***

Sunday	2/23		<b>The Last Sunday after The Epiphany</b>
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	2/25	12:15 p.m.	Woman’s Guild Lunch
		4:15 p.m.	Choristers
		5:30-7:00	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday	2/26		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
		7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist – Grace Chapel
		12:00 Noon	Holy Eucharist
		1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	2/27	5:15 p.m.	Probationers
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	2/28	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	3/ 1		<b>The First Sunday in Lent</b>
			<b>Healing Prayers/Food Sunday</b>
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday Forum – Undercroft
			Confirmation Class/6 <sup>th</sup> &7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist