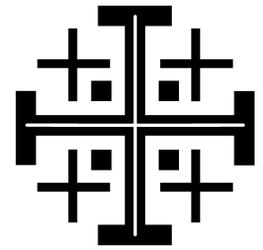




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican

Alexandria, Virginia



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2020

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

*Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.
Large Print Prayer Books are available; please request one from an usher.
In respect for those wishing to pray before the service begins, the congregation is asked
to remain as quiet as possible.*

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson: 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.

The Word of the Lord
Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

- 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.

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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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
Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon: Mr. Sam Sheridan, Seminarian

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People:

After the Intercessor says "Lord, in your mercy God,"
the congregation responds "*Hear our Prayer.*"

Confession of Sin & Absolution

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The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Agnus Dei

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*All baptized Christians are welcomed and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.
If you wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.
Gluten-free hosts are available on request from the clergy.
For those who are interested in being baptized, please see a member of the clergy.*

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers (if needed)

Celebrant: We now send you forth to carry Communion to those in need.
People: *May our hands carry Christ's love into the world.*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Stefan, Karol, Ted, and Viki Lopatkiewicz; in loving memory of Verna Lopatkiewicz, our mother who passed into her eternal rest one year ago.

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Altar Guild:* Candace Quinlan; *Flower Guild:* Sarah Glassco; *Reader:* Reneé O'Brien; *Chalice:* Dodd Sims; *Usher:* Tom Brown, Jr.; *Coffee Host:* Connie Kurz; *Vestry Greeter:* Sandra Graham; *Vestry Counter:* Jamie Conrad; *Celebrant:* The Rev. Susan D. Parsons