



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

February 11, 2024 10:15 AM

The Holy Eucharist: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lou Hays
Acolytes: Kaitlyn Foggin, Aubrey Smith
Lector: Vickie Bono
Welcome Center: Linda & Tom Simpson

Director of Music: Christopher Koon
Pianist: David Cooper
Chalicer: Charlie Roberts
Intercessor: Linda Crocker

The Word of God

Voluntary

“Andante”

Bach

Processional Hymn #135

“Songs of thankfulness and praise”

Salzburg

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

The Celebrant says

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.

The Gloria #S280 Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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 Lessons

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

“When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be

granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.”

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
 God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
 before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
 to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
 for God himself is judge.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

“Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn 7

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

Ratisbon

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lou Hays

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, Form III *(led by Linda Crocker)*

The prayer list usually prayed for during the Prayers of the People may be found at the end of the service booklet. The congregation is free to add names in the appropriate place in the prayers, either silently or aloud, and to pray for these people throughout the week.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Matthew our Bishop, for Lou our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe our President, Jim and Mike our Governors, and for our local elected officials.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for all who are on our parish prayer list. And for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones who have gone before us, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, for our family, friends and loved ones, for the birthday of *Buck Harris* and for any other thanksgivings we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Redeemer, Ansted.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of Almighty God in Thanksgiving for the 30th wedding anniversary of Ann & John Stevens.

Please join me in the Prayer for the Transition.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for your blessings upon this parish. Pour out your Holy Spirit to guide us and the Discernment Committee through this sacred time of transition. Be with us as we plan for the future of our parish. Grant us wisdom, patience, and strength in this journey to find a new shepherd. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and 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.

Absolution

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Please stand for the Offertory Hymn

Offertory Hymn #427

“When morning gilds the skies”

Laudes Domini

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus # S130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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.”

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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Response: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem #S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Hymn #325

“Let us break bread together”

Let Us Break Bread

Post Communion Hymn (pg. 10)

“Swing low, sweet chariot”

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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 #460 (vs. 1, 3, 4) “Alleluia! sing to Jesus!”
The Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Hyfrydol

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

“Go Now in Peace” (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

Go now in peace;
go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere
you may go

Please remain for the postlude as you are able.

Voluntary “Musette”

Rameau

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Judy Williams—healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Bill Riner & crew – safe sailing around the world	Larry Hand—healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Diane Cottrill – healing	Ann Stevens– healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	David Cottrill - healing	Becky Winans –healing
Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Chris Heckman – healing	
Colleen Parsons – strength/healing	Mary Craig – strength/healing	
Dee Milhoan – recovering from back surgery		

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces
Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Glen Kirk	Steve Wilson	Jean Singer	Sherry Shepler
Judy McCoy	Alana Dailey	Roy Trembly	Paul Rutledge
Tabitha Arceneaux	Tammy Marks	David White	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Group – The group is reading “Dancing in the Darkness” by Otis Moss III. Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times”. The group meets at 9AM in person and also via Zoom. We would love to have you join us for a lively discussion.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 13th at 6PM – Come and enjoy pancakes and sausage as we celebrate Fat Tuesday.

Souper Bowl Sunday – TODAY is our annual collection of non-perishables for our pantry. If you forgot, you may bring in your items this week, Monday – Thursday, 9AM – 4PM, or Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

A Lenten Journey Through Our Faith—Please join us starting Wednesday, February 21 following the Lenten Supper as Lou leads us through five foundational issues of our faith. Our first session is “What do we believe? Who is Jesus, and why did he have to live, die, and rise from the dead?”

Music Notes - Today we are singing *Swing low, sweet chariot*. It is one of the best known African-American spirituals. It was composed by Wallace Willis, a Choctaw freedman in the old Indian Territory in Choctaw County, Oklahoma, sometime around 1865. The spiritual was popularized by the Jubilee Singers of Fisk University during their tour of the U.S. and Europe. It made a resurgence during the 1960s civil rights movement and folk revival. It was performed by Joan Baez at the Woodstock festival. In 1939, Nazi Germany’s Reich Music Examination Office added the song to a list of “undesired and harmful” musical works! – *Christopher Koon, Director of Music*

New Parish Telephone Directory – We are working on a new parish directory. There are two copies available in the Welcome Center for you to check your address and phone number. You only need to make corrections to one of them. Please put a check mark next to your name after checking your entry.

Mark your calendars:

- Feb. 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6PM**
- Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday – Services at Noon & 7PM**
- Feb. 21 – Vestry Meeting at 4PM**
- Feb. 21 – Lenten Supper and Program at 6PM**
(continues Feb. 28, March 6th, 13th, & 20th.)
- Feb. 25 – Last Sunday Supper**

Communion Hymn: "Swing low, sweet chariot"

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home.

Swing — low, sweet char - i - ot, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home. **Fine**

1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see —
2. If you get — there be - fore — I do, —
3. The bright - est day that — ev - er I saw —
4. I'm some - times up and — some - times down, —

1. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. A band — of an - gels
2. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. Tell all — my friends I'm
3. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. When Je - sus wash'd my
4. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. But still — my soul feels

D.C.

1. com - ing af - ter me, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
2. com - ing too, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
3. sins a - way, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
4. heaven - ly bound, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,