



# Welcome to Christ Church

## February 7, 2016

### Last Epiphany



*All Service Notes: The 10:15 Service is in the leaflet.* Hymns are in the larger blue books. *Prayer List* is on the stand. **Welcome materials** are on the back table. The Schedule on the back table includes the service participants for today.

### 10:15 a.m. Family Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

#### 137 Processional Hymn (in the Blue Hymnal Book)

*Leader:* Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier

*People:* **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*(and together)* **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.**

#### S280 Gloria

**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.**

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Leader:* 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**

#### **A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Exodus 34:29-35** *(the congregation may be seated)*

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:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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



Pro-claim the great-ness of the Lord our God; He is the Ho-ly One.

**Psalm 99:1-2,6-9**

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.* [antiphon]

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.* [antiphon]

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.* [antiphon]

**A Reading (Lesson) from Paul's Second Letter to the 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people      **People:      Thanks be to God.**

**618 Gradual Hymn** (*Before Gospel vss. 1-2, after 3-4*)      (*please all stand*)

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 9:18-36**      (*Glory to you, Lord Christ*)

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.

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

**Homily**      Dave Carter (*all may be seated*)

**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.

**Epiphany Litany** (*Lay reader and congregation standing preferred*)

Reader: "For it is the God who said 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shown in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ." (from 2Cor.)

O Lord, you care for the vulnerable: feeding the hungry multitudes with the bread of life; healing the lepers and lame; delivering the demon-possessed; forgiving shamed and sin-sick souls; rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep,

**All: Shine your light into our hearts Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: O Lord, for our sake you became poor: it is your face we see in the hungry and homeless, the lost the lonely, the persecuted and imprisoned, the broken and bereaved,

**All: Shine your light into our hearts Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: O Lord, you care for the simple and the childlike, and use what seems weak to confound the strong; being persecuted by the priests, mocked by the scholars, slain by the rulers, you loved your own to the end,

**All: Shine your light into our hearts Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: O Lord, you reach out for the lost; calling us to forsake all, so that, in having you, we might possess all things; by your terrible love on Calvary; by your victorious love at Easter;

**All: Shine your light into our hearts Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: O Lord, you inspire love's heroism in saints and martyrs; you promise a peace and joy that no one can take; you reveal your particular power in those whom the world holds of no account,

**All: Shine your light into our hearts Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: O Lord, you promised to prepare a mansion for those who love you, we remember our loved ones who have died... (*intercessions list*).

Reader: O Lord, you promised to be with us forever, we ask for your healing in the lives of those we hold before you now ... (*intercessions list for the sick*)

*And for those in the Armed Forces but especially for: Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill, Tim and Jay (and names from the sheet)*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...

especially for those celebrating birthdays...*R. J. Rawcliffe, Kate Ritzau, Al Eichorn, Tiffany Phillips (and from the sheet)*

For those celebrating anniversaries...

**All: Almighty God, Give us the vision, vocational awareness and steadfastness of purpose to bring the light of Christ into the world's dark places: into the hardness of the human heart; into the depths of cruelty and injustice; into the lives of those hungry for bread, hungry for hope, hungry for love; into the depths of doubt and despair. In Your name. Amen.**

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

**Offertory Anthem** (*the ushers pass the collection*)

**Offertory Presentation (380 verse 3)** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## S120 The Holy Eucharist: 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 God thanks and praise**

*Celebrant continues.....* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

**S128 Together..... Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 our loved ones and 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, **Our Father, who art in heaven....**

**Sung Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread:**

**S155 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**490 Young People's Entrance Hymn**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Hymns during Communion** (302, Levas 106) *(all are invited to communion)*

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors (optional):** Friends in Christ we send forth our visitors bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom they go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. **For though we are many, we are one body.**

**Thanksgiving Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together.

*Celebrant and People:* **Eternal God, 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.**

**Blessing, sung AMEN and Announcements**

**427 Recessional Hymn**