

# The Last Sunday of Epiphany

February 19, 2023

## The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant 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 from Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst 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. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 99



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### *The Psalm will be chanted.*

- 1 The LORD is King; let the peoples **tremble**; \*  
he sits between the cherubim; let the earth **shake**.
- 2 The LORD is great in **Zion** \*  
and high above all **peoples**.
- 3 They shall give thanks unto his Name, which is great and  
**wonderful**; \*  
holy is he and mighty, a King who loves **justice**.
- 4 You have established **equity**; \*  
you have executed judgment and righteousness in **Jacob**.
- 5 O magnify the LORD our **God**, \*  
and fall down before his footstool, for he is **holy**.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who  
call upon his **Name**, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he **heard them**.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the cloudy **pillar**, \*  
for they kept his testimonies and the law that he **gave them**.
- 8 You heard them, O LORD our **God**; \*  
you forgave them, O God, yet punished their evil-**doings**.
- 9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy **hill**, \*  
for the LORD our God is **holy**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, and to the Holy **Spirit**:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever **shall be**, world without  
end. **A-men**.

## A Reading from Philippians 3:7-14

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 17:1-9**

*All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." After the Gospel is Proclaimed

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **Proper Preface**

*Epiphany*

*For the Celebrant to read after the Sursum Corda.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light