

**ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**3760 Dover Center Road**  
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**February 14, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Holy Eucharist – Rite II – The Word of God**

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL #400 All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**OPENING SALUTATION & RESPONSE**

**BCP 355**

*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.**

*All standing, sing*

**THE GLORIA**

**BCP 356**

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 Celebrant says to the people*

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

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**BCP 217**

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 people sit*

**READING 1 Kings 19:9-18 Pew Bible 375**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 27:5-11 BCP 617**

- <sup>5</sup> One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek;\*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life;
- <sup>6</sup> To behold the fair beauty of the Lord\*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- <sup>7</sup> For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter;\*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.
- <sup>8</sup> Even now he lifts up my head\*  
above my enemies round about me.
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;\*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- <sup>10</sup> Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;\*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- <sup>11</sup> You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."\*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

**Psalm Response (sing)**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**READING 2 Peter 1:16-21 Pew Bible 1275**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL PROCESSION Hymn #636 How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
To you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                  according to Mark.

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL     Mark 9:2-9     Pew Bible 1045**

*Celebrant*     *The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People*           ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

**SERMON**

**Pastor Paul Laursen**

**NICENE CREED (all standing)**

**BCP 358**

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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **BCP 389, Form 5**

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Archbishop Welby; our Presiding Bishop Curry; our own Bishops, Hollingsworth and Love; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy***

For this congregation (for those who are present, and for those who are absent), that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Silence*

***Our Father in heaven,***

***We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.***

***Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:***

***For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit.***

***We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ. Amen.***

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**BCP 360**

*Celebrant* 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.

*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*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

#### PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

#### PREPARATION OF ELEMENTS

#### DOXOLOGY

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

*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

BCP 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*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.

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:

#### ***Celebrant and People***

**The Sanctus** (sing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. (2Xs)  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. (2Xs)

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**The Memorial Acclamation** (sing)

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again** (2Xs)

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

**The Great Amen** (sing) **Amen. Amen. Amen.** (2Xs)

*Celebrant 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**

**BCP 364**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

\* *The celebrant only will partake of the wafer and wine. Communion will not be administered to the congregation.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### I Just Want To Be Where You Are

*I just want to be where You are  
Dwelling daily in Your presence  
I don't want to worship from afar  
Draw me near to where You are  
I just want to be where You are  
In Your dwelling place forever  
Take me to the place where You are  
I just want to be with You.*

I want to be where You are  
Dwelling in Your presence  
Feasting at Your table  
Surrounded by Your glory  
In Your presence  
That's where I always want to be  
I just want to be  
I just want to be with You.

I just want to be where You are  
Dwelling daily in Your presence  
I don't want to worship from afar  
Draw me near to where You are.

O my God, You are my strength and my song.  
And when I'm in Your presence,  
Though I'm weak, You're always strong.

*I just want to be where You are  
In Your dwelling place forever  
Take me to the place where You are  
I just want to be, I just want to be with You.*

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### *People and Celebrant*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every Altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to You praise and thanksgiving.  
I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory.  
And since I cannot receive You today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.  
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you.  
May I live in You and You in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *(said by all)*

**BCP 365**

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**

**RECESSIONAL Hymn # 460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone;

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a might flood;

Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

**THE DISMISSAL**

**BCP 366**

**POSTLUDE**