



**Saint Mary's Episcopal Church**  
**The Last Sunday of Epiphany**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday, February 19, 2023**  
**11:00am**

*Welcome to Saint Mary's! We are glad you are joining us today for either in person or online worship. For more information about Saint Mary's, please see our website at [www.stmaryshighpoint.org](http://www.stmaryshighpoint.org) or check out our [Facebook Page](#).*

The liturgy begins on page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer.

**Voluntary**      Communion

*Eugène Gigout*

## **The Word of God**

*All stand and sing*

**Hymn 86**      O Savior of our fallen race

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People**      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Robert Powell, S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

**The Collect of the Day**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Children depart for Children's Chapel.*

## The Lessons

*All are seated.*

### A reading from The Book of 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 2

*Quare fremuerunt gentes?*



- 1 Why are the nations | in an | uproar? \*  
    Why do the peoples | mutter | empty | threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
    and the princes | plot to- | gether, \*  
    against the | LORD • and a- | gainst his • A- | nointed?
- 3 "Let us break their | yoke," they | say; \*  
    "let us cast | off their | bönds | from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in | heaven • is | laughing; \*  
    the | Lord has | them in • de- | rision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them | in his | wrath, \*  
    and his | räge | fills them • with | terror.
- 6 "I myself have | set my | king \*  
    upon my | holy | hill of | Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the de- | cree of • the | LORD: \*  
    he said to me, "You are my Son;  
    this | day have | I be- | gotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your in- | heritage \*  
    and the ends of the | earth for | your pos- | session.

*Second half of the chant*

9 You shall crush them with an | iron | rod \*  
and shatter them | like a | piece of | pottery."

10 And now, you | kings, be | wise; \*  
be warned, you | rulers | of the | earth.

11 Submit to the | LORD with | fear, \*  
and with | trembling | bow be- | fore him;

12 Lest he be angry | and you | perish; \*  
for his | wrath is | quickly | kindled.

13 Happy | are they | all \*  
who take | refuge | in | him!

**A Reading from The Second Letter of 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.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

**Hymn 137**   O wondrous type! O vision fair

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

*Gospeller*       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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.



For all who have not yet heard or believed in the Gospel, and those who may have the opportunity to declare it to them,

We pray to you, O God.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all whose ministry it is to respond to human need and suffering, wherever it may be found, and for all who preach the Gospel and teach the truth,

We pray to you, O God.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For an increase in evangelism and ministries of mercy in our local community and abroad, that all people may come to know and enjoy your blessings,

We pray to you, O God.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For greater awareness and advocacy on behalf of the persecuted churches, wherever they may be found,

We pray to you, O God.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all people driven from their homes by war, violence, and natural disaster and for the nations who receive them that you may provide, protect, and care for them, especially those recovering from the devastating earthquake in Turkiye and Syria.

We pray to you, O God.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed people of the world, and all who suffer for the sake of the Gospel,

We pray to you, O God.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and infirm and those who minister to them, especially Tim, Frankie, Mary, Nancy, Kathy, Diane, Tilden, Dave, James, Rebecca, Helen, Cal, those on our parish prayer list and those on the Daughters of the King prayer list, *(pause for intercessions)*

We pray to you, O God.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the Resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, *(pause for intercessions)*

We pray to you, O God.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*



*The 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;

*The Celebrant prays the appointed Proper Preface.*

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:

**Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit**

*Eddie Bass*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might;  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel as able.*

*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,

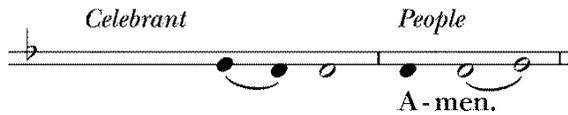
*Celebrant and People*

**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 the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary 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. .



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

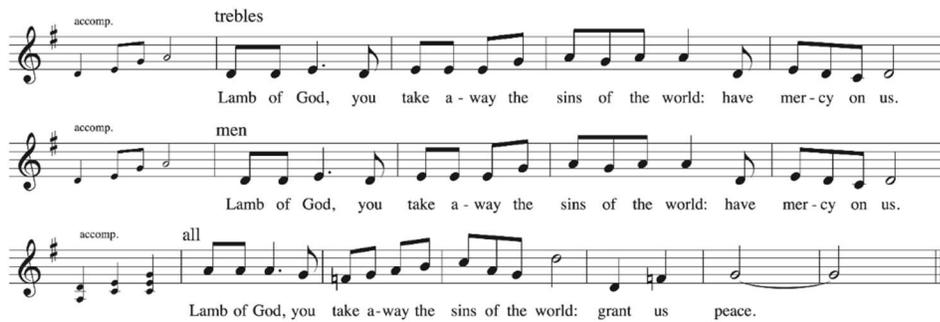
**All** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

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### *Agnus Dei*

*Eddie Bass*



### *The Celebrant says*

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.

## Music at the Communion

### Motet

*Anna Lapwood*

O nata lux de lumine Jesu redemptor saeculi  
*O Light born from Light, Jesus Redeemer of the world:*  
 Dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere  
*Mercifully deign to receive praises and prayers from the supplicant.*  
 Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis  
*You, who condescended to be clothed in flesh for the lost:*  
 Nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis  
*Make us members of your blessed body.*

~ 10<sup>th</sup>-c. Anon.

**Hymns** 133 O Light of Light, Love given birth  
 129 Christ upon the mountain peak

## Sending Out Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

As the people of Saint Mary's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup. Amen.

*After Communion, all kneel and the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant blesses the people and all stand.*

*The Celebrant dismisses the people and they respond,*

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

**Hymn 135**    Songs of thankfulness and praise

**Voluntary**    Alleluyas

*Simon Preston*

*Allehuya, allehuya, allehuya, Lord Most High.*

**Altar flowers:** The flowers on the Altar are given by Randy and Kathi May to the glory of God and in memory of their beloved daughter, Julia Aiken May.

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## Participants in the Liturgy

### *Celebrant*

The Rev'd Foster Mays

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The Rev'd Rob Travis

### *Lector*

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**Candice Greig**

***Keeping in Prayer this Week:*** We pray for those whose needs are closely linked with ours and for those who suffer from any sickness, grief or distress, also remembering and praying for those on our parish prayer list, including Helen Congdon, Linda Nitz, Christi White, Mary Gordon, Rick Manning, Emily Finch Johnson, Agnes Paseda, Anne Miressi, Barbara Lassiter, Trish, Thea Oglesby, Steve, Megan Hankins, Jerri Phillips, Elizabeth White, Richard Glover, Lee, Rick Lewis, Beulah Pope, Tim Robeck, Frankie Gurganus, Mary Darby, Nancy Jenkins, Kathy Cloyd, Diane Rankin, Tilden White, Dave Klenk, James Pardue, Rebecca Mays, Helen Mays, Cal Mays, Diane Kearns, Jerry Ball, Joan Cardwell, Lindsey Miller, Bill Fenn, Jim, Laura Johnson.

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