

## HOLY EUCHARIST FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

#### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Presider* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

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

*Presider* Almighty God,  
*All* **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secret are hidden.  
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 Collect for the Last Sunday after Epiphany

*Presider* Let us pray.

Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations,  
in the journey of the magi,  
we see how unjust powers and hatred  
may diminish the advancing of your gospel.  
Transfigure us by your love,  
so that we may bring your message  
to the dark places of this world;  
through Jesus Christ, the Beloved.

*People* **Amen.**

Act of Praise: We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding (CP 166)

Children's Message

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The First Reading (Exodus 34.29-35)

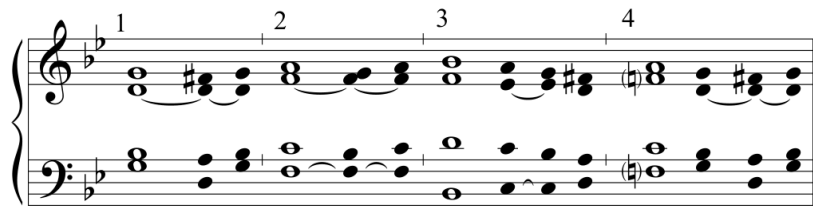
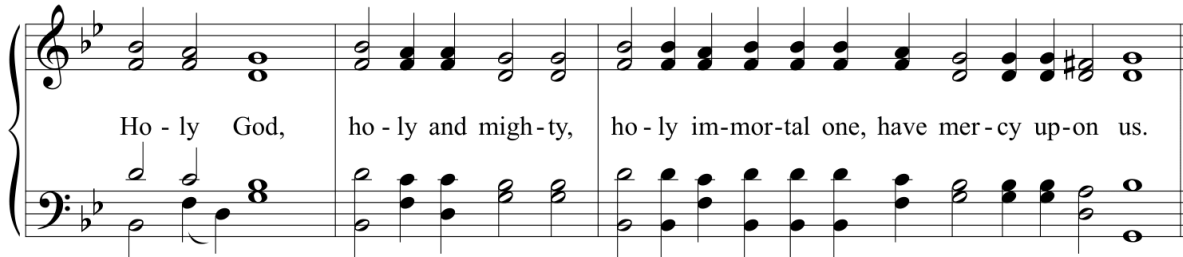
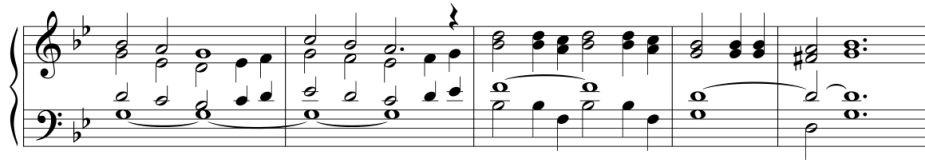
*Reader* A reading from the book of Exodus:

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.

*People* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm (99)

### Introduction



- (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.
- (3) Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;
- (4) he is the Holy One. **Refrain.**

- (1) "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
- (2) you have executed just and righteousness in Jacob."
- (3) Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool;
- (4) he is the Holy One. **Refrain.**

- (1) Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name,
- (2) they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- (3) He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
- (4) they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. **Refrain.**

- (1) "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
- (2) you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."
- (3) Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill;
- (4) for the Lord our God is the Holy One. **Refrain.**

The Second Reading (2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2)

*Reader* A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

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 practise 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.

*People* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (CP 714)

*Cantor* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
*Cantor* Shine as lights in the world,  
holding fast the word of life.  
*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Gospel Reading (Luke 9.28-43)

*Reader*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader*        The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

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

Now about eight days after these sayings 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.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

R. Susan Smandych

## Musical Reflection

*Lift Thine Eyes* from *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn

## The Apostles' Creed

*Presider* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All* **I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Leader* O God, whose face we cannot see, we give you thanks for the revelation of your glory in the face of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the light of your presence shine now on all your people, as we pray: Holy One,

*People* **shine upon us and hear us.**

Loving God, you transfigured your beloved Son and revealed the Holy Spirit in the bright cloud; enable us to hear your Word and ponder it night and day. Reveal yourself and your glory to all those preparing for baptism at Easter, that they may grow in wisdom and draw closer to you through a holy Lent. Holy One,  
**shine upon us and hear us.**

Loving God, you made light to rise in the darkness and have made known your glory shining in the face of Christ; revive in us a spirit of contemplation and prayer. Draw us deeper into your love and walk with us in our Lenten journey toward the glories of the Resurrection Day. Holy One, **shine upon us and hear us.**

O Christ, you took your friends with you and led them to a high mountain; may your Church stay close to you in faith, hope, and love. Fix our eyes, ears, and hearts to the needs of your children and away from all pettiness, gossip, and strife that weakens your Body. Holy One, **shine upon us and hear us.**

O Christ, by your transfiguration, you revealed the resurrection to your disciples before your Passion began; fill all who suffer for the sake of your kingdom with the joy of your victory. Keep close to your loving heart and shelter in your mercy the people of Ukraine and Russia and all those around the world who are anxious and fearful of yet another war between people already stretched so thin. Holy One, **shine upon us and hear us.**

O Christ, you led Peter, James, and John down from the mountain into a suffering world; be for us a light to enlighten our darkness and food to refresh us on our way. We remember before you today especially those who have asked for our prayers: Brett, Bruce and Eileen, Carolyn, Derek, Gwen, Harold, Janice, Karen, Kelly, Len and Shirley, Margaret and Ray, Pat, Roland, Sandra, Sarah, Steve, Sybil, William, and the Zeid family. Holy One, **shine upon us and hear us.**

O Christ, you will transform our poor bodies to conform to your glorious body; look upon all of our siblings who are dying and change them into your likeness, from glory to glory. Today we pray especially for the repose of the souls of Margaret Cordingley, and all those whose deaths are known to you alone. Holy One, **shine upon us and hear us.**

*The people are invited to offer other intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings.*

Almighty God, you have placed the fullness of your love in Jesus Christ; and he has passed it on to us. May our eyes reflect his light, and our hearts retain the sound of your voice. Then we shall turn to our neighbour and share the love with which you fill us, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* Merciful Creator God,

*People* **You have searched us out and known us;  
the hopes we hold and regrets and sins that cling to us.  
The hurts we absorb and ferment;  
the tears we both cause and shed.**

**We stand before you: all that we have been and all that we are,  
knowing that only in you are we truly known  
as the ones you would have us be.  
Forgive us and guide us to face ourselves  
and respect each other with dignity,  
that we might welcome with you  
the gifts and challenges that your new creation brings,  
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.  
Amen.**

*Presider* May God our Great Creator  
cleanse your hearts of all stain from sin and brokenness,  
that you may walk with Jesus along the good road, his holy way.  
May God purify your minds, that you may be guided by the holy word.  
May God, our Great Creator clear your eyes  
that you may see the goodness God has created.  
May God, our Great Creator open your ears  
that you may hear God's voice.  
May God, make your souls one with the Trinity,  
so that you may worship in spirit and in truth,  
and love God, God's Peoples and God's creation with all our hearts,  
minds, bodies and souls. Amen.

### The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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



## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn:      Transfigured Christ, None Comprehends  
                                 (CP 168; tune: Rockingham CP 303)

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider*      Let us pray.

Holy God,  
receive all we offer you this day,  
and bring us to that radiant glory  
which we see in the transfigured face  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*      **Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer (S2)

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*      **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*      **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*      Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for your faithful love.  
You call us into friendship  
with you and one another  
to be your holy people,  
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,  
unfailing you remain with us.  
When we injure others,  
you confront us in your love  
and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
You stand with the weak,  
and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home,  
making the first last, and the last first.  
Therefore we raise our voices  
with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and singing:

*All*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

(CP 732)

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider*

Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon  
and carried them home.

*People*

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

*Presider*

At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor,  
the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.  
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

*All*     **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*People*     Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

*People*     **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

*Presider*     Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life,  
now and for ever.

*People*     **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread (1)

*Presider* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."  
*People* **Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

### The Communion

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Music During Communion

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness (CP 78)  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (CP 48)

Prayer after Communion

*Presider* All your works praise you, O Lord.

*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God**

**we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body,  
live his risen life;**

**we, who drink his cup,  
bring life to others;**

**we, whom the Spirit lights,  
give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

*Presider* May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Source of all being, the Eternal Word, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Sing of God Made Manifest (CP 162)

The Dismissal

*Presider*      Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People*        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**