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The Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 2008

10:00 am

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: "*Jesu, Meine Freude*" ("Jesus, my Joy") Johann G. Walther (1684-1748)

Choral Introit: "*O Light of Light, Love given birth*" plainsong, Mode 2

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: "*When morning gilds the skies*" Laudes Domini Hymnal 427

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant may say

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.

Glory to God - Hymnal S280

The following hymn is said or sung, all standing

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 Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people 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.

The Lessons (*The people sit.*)

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 together, *
 against the LORD and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
 "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
 the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
 and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king *
 upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: *
 he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
 and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 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 before 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!

2 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.

Gradual Hymn: "O wondrous type! O vision fair" Wareham Hymnal 137

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9 (The People Stand)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, 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.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon — The Reverend James Stevenson

The Nicene Creed (*All Standing*)

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.

The Prayers of the People (*Form VI*)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world; *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation; *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Katharine our Presiding Bishop, Paul and Jack our Bishops; James our Priest; Lou our Deacon and for all bishops and other ministers; *For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who suffer in body, mind or spirit including Jack, Heather, Rex, Janet, Marion, Debbie, Bill, Carol, Lee, David, Jimmy, Scot, Malcolm, Charlie, Therese, Jane, Mark, Bob, Carolyn, Rick, Hubert, Bess, Marty, Arthur, Joe, Bev, Chet, Dusty, Trish, Jean, Peggy, Herbie, Ed, Barbara, and Dale. For the Family and Friends of Justine Martin as they mourn her sudden passing. And for all those who are traveling including Dave Dillon.

Silence (The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

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

For all of those celebrating special times in their lives.

Silence (The People may add their own thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Justine *that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.*

Silence (The People may add their own petitions)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

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 Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Junior Choir Anthem: *"Make a Joyful Noise"* Shirley L. Brown

Presentation Of Offerings: Doxology Hymnal 380 verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving—*Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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: *Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal S 125*

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. *AMEN.*

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said
[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

The Fraction Anthem—Hymnal S154

The Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation 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.

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Anthem: "*Jesu, Joy of our desiring*" M. Janus/Wm. B. Cooper

Post Communion Hymn: "*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*" verses 1,4

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: "*Alleluia! sing to Jesus!*" Hyfrydol Hymnal 460

Postlude: "*Praised be Almighty God*" J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God in memory of
Edward Ratcliffe and Dorothy & Floyd Sanders.

The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God in memory of Justine Martin
by Terry, Jennifer, Jessica & Andrew Martin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 3, 2008 ✠ The Last Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

we are glad you have chosen to worship with us.

Here are a few items to assist you with this morning's service.

- You will find most of our service printed in this *Service Leaflet* provided to you by the ushers.
 - The Red *Book of Common Prayer* and Blue *Hymnal* can be found in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is at both ends of your pew.
- The PostCommunion Hymn ("Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace") is also located in the pew rack.
 - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please feel free to speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.

"SOUP"ERBOWL SUNDAY Help us fill our soup pots for the soup kitchen by voting for one of the teams playing in the Superbowl. Place your donation in the appropriate pot. All money raised will be used to sponsor a day at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen. We need to raise at least \$100.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES will be at **7pm** on Ash Wednesday, **February 6**.

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER A Pancake-Egg-Sausage Dinner will be held on **February 5** at Trinity Episcopal Church, West Pittston. Take Outs and Seating are available from **3:30–7:00 pm**. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 10.

THE COBBLESTONES As a part of their Fine Arts Series, Shavertown United Methodist presents The Cobblestones, a young group of uplifting high school musicians, on **Sunday, February 10 at 7:00pm**.

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER FOR THE WATCH? Planning has begun for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. This year we would like to have an overnight watch of the reserved sacrament. The watch would begin following the Good Friday service and run through Holy Saturday morning. Volunteers would sign up for one hour shifts. This is something we have done this in the past, but not for the last few years. Before we add this back to our Holy Week schedule it is important to know that we will be able to have enough volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more about this please see Father Stevenson or Deacon Lou. If you think you might like to volunteer for the watch, please contact the Church Office. (Edited to Add: So far we have had 2 volunteers, many more are needed!!)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Education

10am Holy Eucharist (with Music)

10am Sunday School

FRIDAY NIGHTS IN LENT

February 8—March 14

Worship 6:00 pm

February 8—Evening Prayer

February 15—Compline

February 22—Stations of the Cross

February 29—Order of Worship for Evening

March 7—Family Night, Stations of the Cross for Youth

March 14—To Be Determined

Soup Supper

Please sign up in the Parish House to bring Soup or Bread

Educational Series: "Why We Worship the Way We Do"

Father Stevenson will lead this series. If you have one or more questions on why we worship the way we do, please write them on the paper in the pews and place them in the plate OR email the [church office](#) with your question(s) about our worship.

Each Friday, we will use a different form of worship, so that we can experience more of the beautiful liturgy available in our Book of Common Prayer.

Please take a little extra time for prayer and reflection this Lent by joining us on Friday evenings.

MINISTERS

Celebrant / Preacher	The Reverend James Stevenson
Deacon	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Acolytes	TBA
Lector	Chris Sutton
Intercessor	Liz Plashinski
Eucharistic Ministers	Dan Plashinski
Ushers/Oblationers	Kim Jacobs, George Yatsko
Altar Guild	Beverly Cushner
Vestry Counter	Terry Martin

THE NEXT...

- ...**Holy Eucharist**, this morning 8:00 am & 10:00 am.
- ...**Adult Christian Education**, this morning 9:00 am.
- ...**Sunday School**, this morning 10:00 am.
- ...**Parish Life Commission Mtg**, this morning following the 10 am service.
- ...**Alanon Mtg**, today, 7:00 pm
- ...**AA Small Group**, Monday, February 4, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Tuesday, February 5, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Finance Commission Meeting**, Tuesday, February 5, 7pm.
- ...**Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes**, Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Thursday, February 7, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Friday, February 8, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ... **“Friday Nights in Lent”** Friday February 8, 6:00 pm—7:45 pm.
- ...**Education Commission Mtg**, Sunday, February 10, following the 10:00 am service.
- ...**Church Cleaning**, Monday, February 11, 9:00 am—noon.
- ...**Vestry Meeting (undercroft)**, Wednesday, February 13, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Outreach Commission, Sunday**, February 17 following the 10:00 am service.
- ...**Sunday School Palm Sunday Bake Sale**, March 16 following both services.

**If your event is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office
with the details!**