



Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria

•Last Sunday after the Epiphany • February 19, 2023 •

Opening Hymn 450

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

God of Abraham and of Jesus, on the holy mountain you have provided a lamb for the atonement of our sins, an intercessor to plead for your people, a vision of a beloved Son, transfigured in eternal light, as the pledge of our salvation.; therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who we know will lend us a merciful ear.

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.

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.

Lord, open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord has shown forth his glory:
Come let us adore him.

Venite: Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout
for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above
all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the
heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have
molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and
kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 99

- 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; * he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have
established equity; * you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and
fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy
One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his
Name,* they called upon the Lord, and he
answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he
gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished
them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; * for
the Lord our God is the Holy One.

First Lesson 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah

Arise, shine, for your light has come, * and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; * deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, * and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, * and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; * by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, * The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, * ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, * and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; * by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, * and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be. Amen.

Second Lesson 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. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

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Canticle D: A Song of the Wilderness *Isaiah 35:1-7,10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, * the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

It shall blossom abundantly, * and rejoice with joy and singing.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, * the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands, * and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! * Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, * and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap like a deer, * and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness * and streams in the desert;

The burning sand shall become a pool * and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

The ransomed of God shall return with singing, * with everlasting joy upon their heads.

Joy and gladness shall be theirs, * and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

A reading from the **Gospel** according to **Matthew 17:1-9**

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.

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."

Here ends the Gospel reading

Here follows the Nicene Creed

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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collects: 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.**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Sermon
Sermon Music

Canon Mark Hall

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness and whose glory is like a devouring fire, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

(As the Spirit moves you, please take turns reading one or more of the petitions. Please observe a short silence at the indicated times.)

That the church may be continually uplifted by the vision of the king in all his beauty, be rescued from

all fear, and in confidence face the future: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

That the church may be conformed to Christ the Son of God, share his sufferings, become like him in his death, and know the power of his resurrection: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

That your people may hear the prophets' testimony, see you clearly in the records of those who were eyewitnesses of your majesty, and do your will, preparing for your glorious coming on the Last Day: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

That the nations of the earth may more and more perfect the rule of law and administer justice after the example of Moses, the lawgiver and judge of your people: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

That the church may heed the call of God in Christ Jesus to descend from the heights of vision and to serve those who are needy, desolate, and forgotten: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

That the suffering, the lonely, the disconsolate, the dying, and those who mourn may know the transforming light of your presence: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

That the whole church may persevere in the proclamation of the gospel until the day dawns and Christ, the morning star who knows no setting, arises, that all the world may walk in his light: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

That the young people who serve our country in harm's way may know the presence of God's power and protection, and keep their faith whole and undiminished. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We offer Prayers for Ann, Susie, Jennifer and Ramsay. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Arise, O Morning Star, and in your rising lift us to behold with all the saints the majestic glory of God, so that through the shadows and darkness of this world we may ever press toward the glory of the world to come, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, God forever. **Amen.**

Offertory: Walk in love as Christ loved us and offered himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *(Ephesians 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn 325

Prayer over the gifts: 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. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - EP B

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
(Repeat) **Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**
Hosanna in the highest *(Repeat)* **Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest** *(Repeat)*.

(The People stand or kneel.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation;

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;

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;

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 taught us, we are bold to pray *(sung)*:

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God:
Draw near with awe and faith, with praise and thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.

Let us pray. **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.**

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing:

May God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the Lord's name.

Announcements

Thanksgiving Prayer: We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. Amen.

Closing Hymn 812 WLP

Dismissal:

Giving thanks to God who has called us to share the inheritance of the saints in light, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**