

5:00 PM Eucharistic Liturgy:
The Ministry of Word and Prayer

The Gathering of the People

Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn *Shout to the Lord*

*My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
 power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
 at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
 forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you. (Repeat)*
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Celebrant: In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.

People: *Amen.*

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

People: *God is with us, here we find new life.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

People: *Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.*

Hymn of Praise *Come and fill*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia! (Repeat)

Celebrant: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence

Celebrant: God forgives and heals us.

People: *We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.*

Celebrant: God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

Silence

Celebrant: Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

The Collect of the Day

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 our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

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.

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

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 practice 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.

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Gradual Hymn *Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord*

1. *Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with rev'ence and with fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*

2. *Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*

3. *Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

The Gospel

Luke 9:28-43a

Officiant: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: *Praise and glory to God.*

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.

Officiant: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to Christ the Word.

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier

The Affirmation of Faith:

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us. You are God.

*You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.*

You came to us before we came to you.

*You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jay, our Bishop; Anne and Lorna, our priests; and Carol, John and Travis, our associate clergy.

Father, enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world and its leaders, especially Donald our President and Ralph our Governor. Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need, especially those whom we now name, either silently or aloud.... God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We pray for all who serve in the armed forces, especially those whom we now name, either silently or aloud.... We pray for those who have died We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for Andrew and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries: Your word is a lamp for our feet.

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of God be with you all.

People: In God's justice is our peace.

Celebrant: Christ calls us to live in unity.
People: *We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.*

Offertory Hymn *Be thou my vision*

1. *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

2. *Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

3. *High King of heaven, my victory won.
may I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's sun.
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

The Preparation of the Gifts

Celebrant: God of all creation, you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

People: *All you have made is good. Your love endures for ever.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven
People: *where Christ in glory reigns.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks, most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God. By Christ's journey into darkness are we all brought home; by his agony and bloody sweat are we come finally to life; the tree of shame is now the tree of glory.

In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might,

*heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will. Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

*Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God.
Amen.*

As Christ teaches us we pray

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 bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The Invitation

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

Administration of Communion

Hymns for all

Shine on Us

1. *Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us.*

Lord, let your light, light of your face shine us

that we may be saved, that we may have life;

to find our way in the darkest night, let your light shine on us.

2. *Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.*

Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us

that we may be saved, that we may have life;

to find our way in the darkest night, let your grace fall on us.

3. *Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us.*

Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us

*that we may be saved, that we may have life;
to find our way in the darkest night, let your love come over us,
let your light shine on us.*

Peace Is Flowing Like a River

- 1. Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me.
Spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.*
- 2. Hope is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me.
Spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.*
- 3. Love is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me.
Spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.*

Prayer after Communion

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

- 1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of Word, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.*

***Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Sprit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;***

send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

*2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirror'd here may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)*

The Dismissal of the Community:

Grace be with you.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Announcements for March 3:

Tonight's Supper

There is no charge for tonight's Italian supper; however, donations will be gratefully accepted.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – March 5

The Fishermen are hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on Tuesday. Come and join in fellowship and enjoy pancakes, sausages, and baked apples. The cost is only \$5 per person with a \$20 family maximum.

Ash Wednesday, March 6

We will have Ash Wednesday services at 7:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.

Sunday, March 10

- Daylight Savings Time begins. Be sure to reset your clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed next Saturday night.
- We will have our March healing stations next Sunday at both services.
- Our Sunday morning Adult Forum begins a new series next Sunday, March 10 at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall entitled *It's Time: STOP, PRAY, WORK, PLAY, & LOVE*.
- The Inquirer's Class will meet at 9:15 AM in the Music Room. The topic is *Anglicanism: The Sacraments and Sacramental Rites*.

Wednesdays in Lent

Please refer to the enclosed flyer about our Wednesdays in Lent, including our Lenten study, *Faithful to the End*.

PORT Emergency Winter Shelter

We are assisting Denbigh United Presbyterian Church for PORT on March 26-27. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Main Street Lobby and volunteer to help with this vital outreach ministry.

Church Security – Volunteers Needed

Now that we are striving to keep the building doors locked during the week, it is especially important to have volunteer receptionists. We need volunteers to cover Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons from noon to 3:00 PM.