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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Vicar Welcomes and Greet the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

This Acclamation is made

By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ

**God has broken the power of death
and brought life and immortality to light.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For though darkness shall cover the earth

and thick darkness the nations,

the Lord will rise upon you

and his glory will be seen upon you.

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and brought life and immortality to light.**

Hymn: tune, Mannheim or Westminster Abbey

1. **Jesus, Son of God and Mary,
Climbed a hill in Galilee.
There he taught his twelve disciples
With a fresh authority.
'Happy those who have a pure heart,
God my Father they shall see.'**
2. **Jesus, Word of God incarnate,
Climbed a mountain with the three.
As they saw the Lord transfigured
God revealed a mystery:
'See my Son, my dearly loved one,
Listen to him faithfully.'**
3. **Jesus, Lamb of God who suffered,
Climbed the hill that awesome day,
There he bore our shame and sorrow,
Slain to take our sin away;
'O forgive them, my dear Father!'
Words that he alone could say.**

**4. Jesus, risen King of glory,
Climbed the mountain to ascend
To his throne, in highest heaven,
Whence the Spirit would descend.
Alleluia! 'I am with you!
Now, and till all time shall end!'**

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Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets 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.**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Kyrie—if sung repeat three times

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

When Christ appears we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he is.
As he is pure,
all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure.

Pause for reflection

So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Have mercy on us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
and live a new life to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest says this Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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 is said or sung by the priest

O God,
in the transfiguration of your Son
you confirmed the mysteries of the faith
by the witness of Moses and Elijah,
and in the voice from the cloud
you foreshadowed our adoption as your children:
make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book 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 the word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 2

Why are the nations in tumult:

and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?

**The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers conspire together:**

against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,

'Let us break their bonds asunder:

let us throw off their chains from us.'

**He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:
the Lord will hold them in derision.**

Then will he speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury:

'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'

I will announce the Lord's decree, that which he has spoken:

'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.

'Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:
the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.

**‘You may break them with a rod of iron:
and shatter them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.’**

Now therefore be wise, O kings:
be advised, you that are judges of the earth.

**Serve the Lord with awe,
and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:
lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.**

For his wrath is quickly kindled:
blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter [1. 16-21]

[Brothers and sisters,] 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 honour 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 the word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gradual Hymn, tune Melita

- 1. When Jesus led his chosen three,
to lift the shadow from their sight,
and on the mountain let them see
his face transfigured, crowned with light:
what grace that day to them was given!
to men on earth, a glimpse of heaven.**

2. **There Moses and Elijah stood
and spoke about his exodus,
their freedom purchased by his blood,
a passover fulfilled for us!
The law and prophets meet their Lord,
see God revealed, and man restored.**
3. **Then from the cloud there came a voice,
'This is my own beloved Son';
the scriptures' theme, the Father's choice,
their master stood supreme, alone:
they saw his glory, and they heard
the one eternal, living Word.**
4. **So may we see and know this grace
the truth which like a burning light
illuminates the darkest place
till Christ himself shall end the night:
when to his people's longing eyes
God's day shall dawn, his sun shall rise.**

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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [17. 1-9]
Glory to you Lord Jesus 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.

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.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Sermon

a time of silence for reflection follows the Sermon

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,

**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Lord of glory, it is good that we are here.

In peace we make our prayer to you.

In trust we confirm our faith in you.

Help us to set our faces steadfastly where you would go with us.

Lord, look with favour.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour on your Church, proclaiming your beloved Son to the world and listening to the promptings of his Spirit. May your Church be renewed in holiness that it may reflect your glory.

Lord, look with favour.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour on the nations of the world, scarred by hatred, strife and war, and crying out to be changed by the touch of your hand. . .

May they hear the good news like a lamp shining in a murky place.

Lord, look with favour.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour on those in need and distress, suffering as your Son has suffered and waiting for the salvation you promise. . .

May the day break and Christ the Morning Star bring them the light of his presence.

Lord, look with favour.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, it is good if we suffer with you so that we shall be glorified with you.

According to your promise

bring all Christ's brothers and sisters. . .

to see him with their own eyes in majesty

and to be changed into his likeness from glory to glory.

**To him be praise, dominion and worship
now and for all eternity. Amen.**

Please stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ will transfigure our human body
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*All may exchange a COVID Safe sign of peace.
i.e. if you aren't living together, don't touch. 😊*

Offertory Hymn AHB 440 / TIS 519. tune, Unde Et Memores

- 1. And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's hill,
and having with us him who pleads above,
we here present, we bring before you still
that only offering perfect in your eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.**
- 2. Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of your grace,
our prayer so halting, and our faith so dim:
for now between our sins and their reward
we set the passion of your Son our Lord.**
- 3. And so we come; O draw us to your feet,
most patient Saviour, who can love us still;
and by this food, so awesome and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill;
in your own service make us glad and free,
and may we in your presence ever be.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places to give you thanks,
holy Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who revealed his dazzling glory
to his disciples on the holy mountain,
that they might be strengthened
to face the scandal of the cross.

His glory shone out
and your voice from heaven proclaimed him
to be your beloved Son.

And so with the hosts of angels
and all the company of heaven
we proclaim the glory of your name
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,
Creator of all things,
Giver of life.

You formed us in your own image;
but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.

We give you thanks that you sent your Son to share our life;
you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,
and you raised him from the dead
that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine,
your gifts to us, that they may be for us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. ✠

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,
and when he had given thanks he broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me. ✠

In the same way after supper he took the cup,
and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,
Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new
covenant which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins:

do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. ✠

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

As he has commanded us, Father,
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.
Proclaiming his victorious death,
rejoicing in his resurrection
and waiting for him to come in glory
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Restore and revive your people,
renew us and all for whom we pray
with your grace and heavenly blessing,
and at the last receive us with all your saints
into that unending joy promised by your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**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
AND THE COMMUNION

We break the bread of life
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us your peace.**

The priest gives the Invitation.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion Reflection—AHB 86, tune Grosser Gott

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy power proclaim; all in heaven above adore thee,
boundless is thy vast domain; everlasting is thy reign.

Hear the loud celestial hymn, angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

*Clarence Alphonsus Walworth 1820-1900
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THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray

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.

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

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices

Hymn. tune, Chariots of Fire

1. **We tread in their footsteps where prophets have trod;
we come to the mountain, the presence of God.
The bush that was burning with fire all around;
we stand there with Moses, on holy ground.**

***O give me the eyes and ears of faith,
to answer your call!***

***O give me a heart on fire with love
to give you my all.***

2. **The mountain of meeting, of covenant law,
created a people of worship and awe.
Delivered from bondage; the blood was their sign;
they sang of redemption; we stand in their line.**

O give me the eyes and ears of faith . . .

3. **The glory of Jesus, majestic to see.
up high on a mountain, transfigured was he.
Elijah and Moses appeared from the past;
predicting salvation, accomplished at last.**

O give me the eyes and ears of faith . . .

4. **We come to Mount Zion of suffering love;
the church of the firstborn, redeemed from above.
The Cross is our glory, its value unpriced;
a love ever-burning in Jesus the Christ.
O give me the eyes and ears of faith . . .**

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The Blessing

Christ Jesus,
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,
draw you to himself
that you may live in his light and share his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace.

**We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory. Amen.**

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