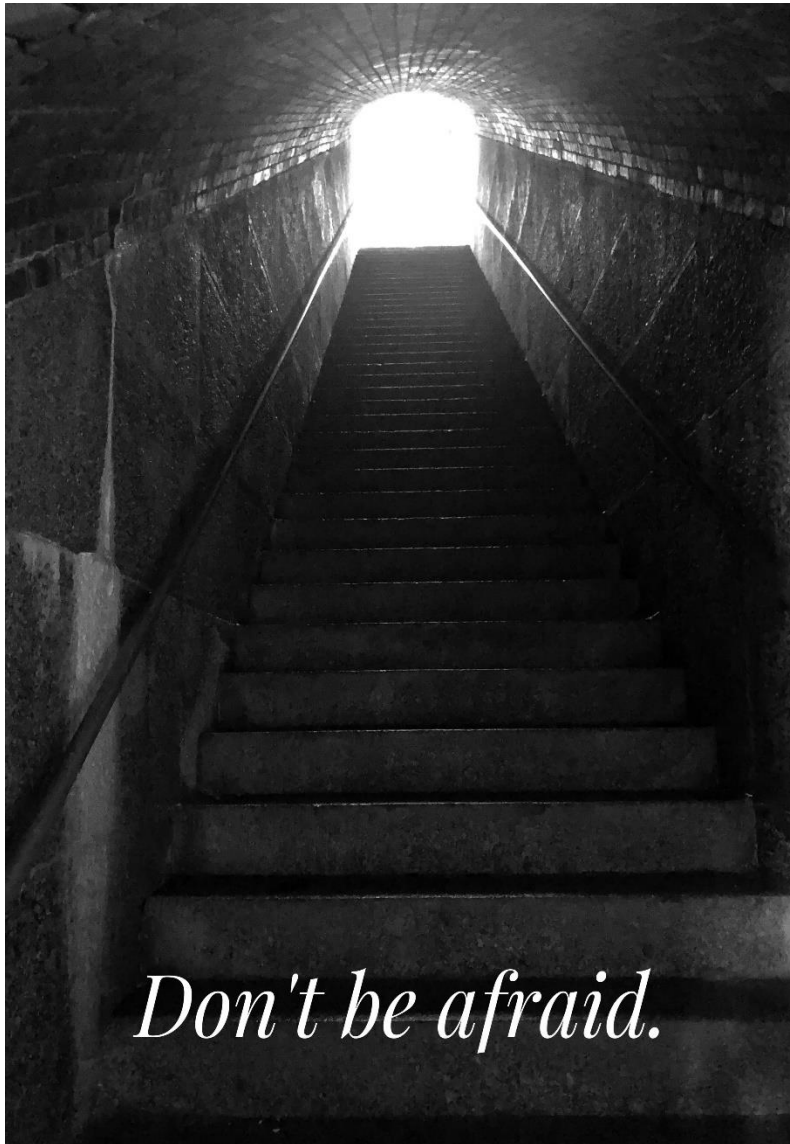


*St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 19, 2023*



Don't be afraid.

7:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Children are always welcome in the church.
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

Prelude

Opening Hymn #129 Christ Upon the Mountain Peak *Monsley*

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 323

The Collect for Purity page 323

Gloria page 324

Collect, Readings and Gospel (*pages 3-5 of Bulletin*)

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Nicene Creed page 326

Prayers of the People (*page 5-6 of Bulletin*)

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The Peace

Announcements and Birthdays (*Birthday Prayer page 6 of Bulletin*)

Offertory Voluntary

Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 3) *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II page 340

Sanctus page 334

The Lord's Prayer page 336

The Breaking of the Bread

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Postcommunion Prayer page 339

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #522 Glorious things of Thee are spoken *Austria*

The Dismissal

Postlude



10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Opening Hymn #129 Christ Upon the Mountain Peak *Monsley*

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Gloria in Excelsis (*insert in Hymnal*) *Powell* Hymnal S280

Collect and Readings (*pages 3-4 of Bulletin*)

Sequence Hymn #137 O Wondrous Type *Wareham*

The Gospel (*pages 4-5 of Bulletin*)

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Announcements and Birthdays (*Birthday Prayer page 6 of Bulletin*)

Offertory

Offertory Hymn 380 (v.3) *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B page 367

The Lord's Prayer page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (*insert in Hymnal*) *Powell* Hymnal S163

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer page 365

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #522 Glorious things of Thee are spoken *Austria*

The Dismissal

Postlude



The Collect

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 First Reading

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.

Psalm 2

- 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!

The Second Reading

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.

The Gospel

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.”

Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Thomas our Bishop; and
for all bishops and other ministers;

All: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation....

SILENCE. The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

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

SILENCE. The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

SILENCE. The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All: Who put their trust in you.

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

Leader and People:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Diocese requests that during the pandemic we no longer dip the wafer into the wine (intinct). Here are our choices:

- Receiving communion in “one kind”—bread only or wine only. In the Episcopal church, receiving in one kind is considered receiving in both.
- Drink from the common cup
- Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, “the blood of Christ” but will not distribute the wine.

Help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. Please do not intinct.



The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by the Gromans with an invitation to the parish to contribute toward the palms for Palm Sunday.

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Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side. Additional restrooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on the left).

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Deacon:
Organist:

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The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass
Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

7:30 a.m. Liturgy

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Lay Readers: Shirley Fierro, Terry Mello
Prayers of the People: Jan Lyle
Usher: Carlos Mello

10:00 a.m. Liturgy

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Prayers of the People: Dean Jackson
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