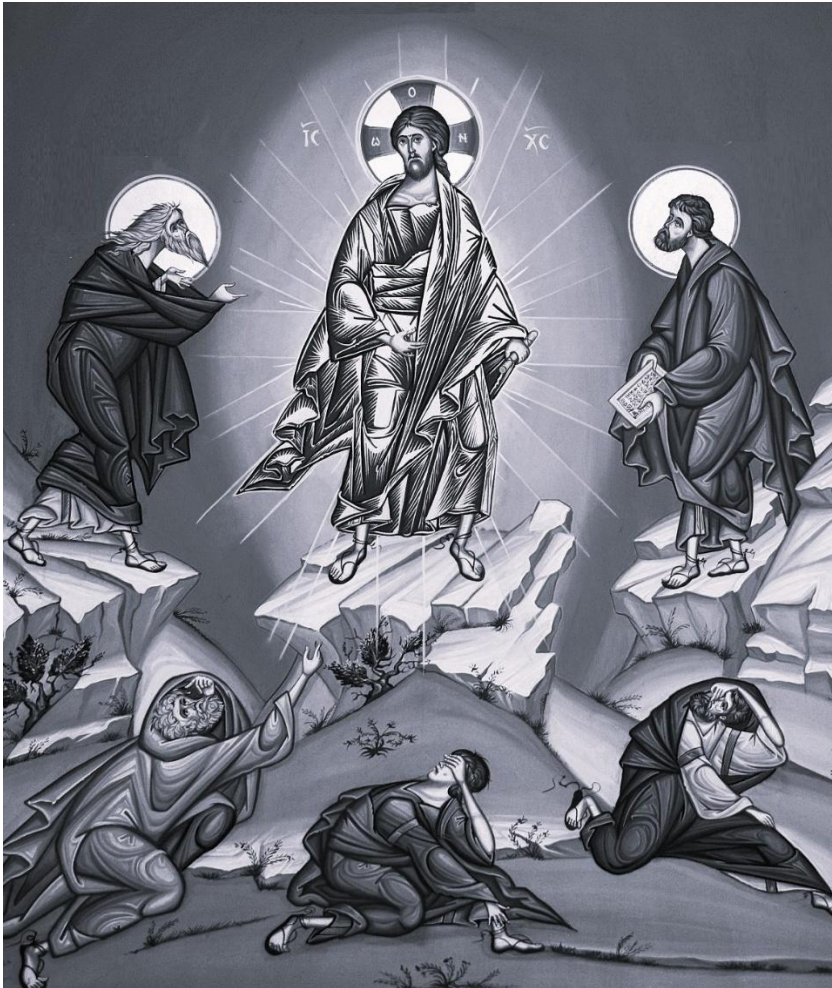


Last Sunday after the Epiphany
March 2, 2025



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
Camden, Maine

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

Prelude

Opening Hymn 657

Love divine

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Gloria

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Children and chaplains come forward and are dismissed by the Celebrant for Children's Chapel after the Collect is said.

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.

A Reading from the Book of 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God

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.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians [3:12-42]

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 129

Christ upon the mountain peak

Mowsley

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [9:28-36]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Paul Briggs

Nicene Creed

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Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries, travel etc.

The Peace page 360

Announcements

Offertory

Offertory Hymn 184 LEVAS Blessed Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B page 367

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Hymnal S130 *Franz Peter Schubert*

The Lord's Prayer page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Communion

This is God's table, all are welcome.

*Gluten-free wafers are available; ask the priest when you come to the altar rail.
You can request that Communion be brought to your pew by letting an usher know.*

Postcommunion Prayer

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Blessing

Dismissal Hymn 410

Praise my soul the king of heaven

Lauda Anima

The Dismissal

Postlude

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The altar flowers are to the Glory of God in memory of the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Hayden.

Welcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! If you would like more information about the community of St. Thomas, please speak to a greeter or a member of the clergy. To receive information by email, please fill out a blue card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate.

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown

9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Lyle, Doc Wallace

Readers: Jacqueline Recht, Jeff Conrad

Intercessor: Haunani Wallace

Ushers: Diane Purkey, Bobby Purkey

People in our Prayers

Healing: Virginia Johns, Ted and Kit Wagner, Tony, Dana, Nancy Remchuk, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Lynne, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Matthew Jackson, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen,

Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Pam Kaler, Margery, Nick, Stephanie, Kyle R.

March Birthdays: Michael Moore (5), Andrew Moran (6), Joseph Kulick (14), Jamie Popejoy (17), Terry Mello (19), Marilyn Smith (20), Benjy Lowry (27)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's, Rockland, For the staff and volunteers who attend to the administrative needs of our churches

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, March 2:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m. Festive Brunch
11:30 a.m. Choir Practice
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

Ash Wednesday, March 5:

11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)
5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Lent I, Sunday, March 9:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:30 a.m. Choir Practice
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

Reminders:

- We return to our regular schedule on Sunday, March 9 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- The fourth Sunday of each month is Morning Prayer and Sermon.
- Forward Day by Day, a daily devotional, is available on the table in the sunroom.

A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.

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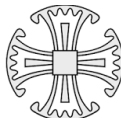
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