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HOLY COMMUNION

Last Sunday after The Epiphany

February 27, 2022

**Nativity Church** *in*  
**THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS**  
*of the Episcopal Church*

# WELCOME

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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**BUILDING CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS, OFFICE BY  
APPOINTMENT**

WEDNESDAY

10 AM Bible Study– “Walking with Luke” -  
Live on Zoom

SUNDAY

8:30 Sunday Worship in the Nave

10:00 Sunday Worship Service,  
on Facebook LIVE Fellowship Hall

Readers: Kathy Eastham  
Gary Mott

**Next Week's Lessons:**

**Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

**Romans 10:8b-13**

**Luke 4:1-13**

**Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16**

## Welcome and Entering God's Presence

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit

**People: And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## Collect of Purity

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour up on us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Hearing God's Word

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: 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.*

*(Please be seated)*

## 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## **The Response**

### **Psalm 99**

#### **Dominus regnavit**

- 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## **The Holy Gospel**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]**

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.]

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

## Sermon

(Please be seated)

## Responding to God's Word

(Please stand as you are able)

## 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 Prayers of the People

(Please kneel as you are able)

Celebrant: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People: That we all may be one.**

Celebrant: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People: That your name may be glorified by all people.**

Celebrant: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Celebrant: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People: That there may be justice and peace on the Earth.**

Celebrant: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Celebrant: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Celebrant: Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Celebrant: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Celebrant: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.**

Celebrant: 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.

### **The Peace**

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Parish Life Announcements

### **Celebrating the Lord's Supper**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, Joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of Heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.**

**People:** Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

**Celebrant:** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All:** Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy Name,  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.)*

**All:** Almighty and ever living 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 forever. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People:** Ordinary People empowered to live Extraordinary Lives!  
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!



# PARISH PRAYERS

Week of February 27, 2021

FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, its members and mission:

Episcopal Conference of the Deaf

FOR NATIVITY CHURCH, its members and its mission:

For the Rev. Chad McCabe, Karen and Ethan

FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD:

Our nation, and all in authority.

Justice in our nation for people of all races and nations, particularly in all our cities.

For those serving in our armed forces: Dan Blair (Jackie's Son),

Eric Catalanotti, (Bruce and Kathy Reilly's nephew), Tanner Audia (Brad & Phyllis Nutting's nephew), and Zach Loverin (Cindy Loverin's grandson),

Matt Hesek (Deb Hesek's son), and The Rev. Chad McCabe.

For those on the frontlines of the fight against the Covid 19.

Comfort for all those who are quarantined, alone and lonely, and for all those suffering from depression. For all special needs children who are having a hard time right now. For those who are struggling to make ends meet and those who are trying to keep their businesses alive.

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER, or are in any need or trouble:

Barbara Strom as she experiences health issues; Harriett Severance: Healing

Marilyn Perry; Healing; Deb Dwinell: Healing from cancer.

Bob Roche: healing from cancer Beckie Mangus: healing from cancer

Jackie Blair: Healing: Healing for Barbara and Charlie Dexter

Madaliso Labaj: Healing For safety, health, and strength for Karen Zacher's family, including Cheyenne, Loreal, her grandsons, and her niece Mandy Johnson, who is a doctor at UMASS Medical Center

For those who do not know Christ's love Peace for those who die alone and for their families left behind

## **IN THANKSGIVING FOR:**

### **MEMBERS OF THE NATIVITY FAMILY:**

Howie Gelles, Paul Gill, Sara Gustafson, Paula Hanson, Jeannie Hebert,  
Deb Hesek, Adam & Theresa Hoberman

### **FOR THOSE WITH BIRTHDAYS:**

Evelyn Boutte

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Nativity Church.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Week of February 27, 2022

To be included in the Sunday bulletins, please send your News and Notes to Cherie at [cplante@churchofthenativity.org](mailto:cplante@churchofthenativity.org) **by end of day on Mondays** at the latest.

### **ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES ON FACEBOOK: SUNDAYS 10AM**

### **STEWARDSHIP "Ignite Your Light" Pledge**

We are still collecting pledge cards; if you have not yet filled your out, please do so. You can mail them or place them in the collection plate on Sunday Morning.

**REMINDER:** The church building is closed but business continues as usual. Please remember to send your pledges. You may also choose to pay online with PayPal or a credit card. Go to the "Give" page (top right menu) on our website, [www.churchofthenativity.org](http://www.churchofthenativity.org)

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## Our Ministries

Acolytes	Cathy Terwedow
Altar Guild	Karen McCabe
Bread Baking	Lois Macek
Christian Formation Director	Open
Clerk (Vestry)	Cathy Terwedow
Community Meals	Kathy Reilly
Easter Egg Hunt	Deb Hesek
Fall Festival/Applefest	Open
Finance Committee	Open
Flower Guild	Open
Funerals	Sue Roche
Healing Prayer	Betsy Hummel
Junior Warden	Howard Gelles
Kitchen	Open
Living Nativity	Bill Otto Jenny Otto
Outreach	Bruce Reilly
Pledge Treasurer	Cathy Terwedow
Prayer Chain	Blanche Farrell
Prayer Shawl	Bette Ann Whynot
Reader/LEM/Coffee Host	Beckie Mangus,
Senior Luncheon	Open
Senior Warden	Deb Hesek
Simple Social	Becky Krebsbach and Mary Brown
Spiritual Direction	Betsy Hummel
Stewardship	Jeannie Hebert
Sunday School	Deb Hesek & Jenny Otto
Tech Team	Larry Engholm
Treasurer	Mary Brown
W.A.R.M.	Betsy Hummel
Welcome Team	Cathy Terwedow
Worcester Fellowship	Paula Hanson
Youth & Families Director	Open

## Our Vestry:

Rev. Chad McCabe, Deb Hesek (Senior Warden), Howie Gelles (Junior Warden), Cathy Terwedow (Clerk), Mary Brown (Treasurer), Debbie Burke, Janet Wilcox, Tom McDonald, Jeannie Hebert, Henry Terwedow, Jeff Turgeon & Ted Flanagan.

# THE SUNDAY PAPER

Year C  
LAST SUNDAY  
after  
EPIPHANY

At the end of the Epiphany season we remember a very special moment in the life of Jesus and his friends. The name "Epiphany" means "showing," and today we read about a time when Jesus showed his friends who he really was... not only the Messiah but God's very own Son!

## JESUS SHOWS HIS GLORY

Luke 9:28-36

JESUS HAD JUST TOLD HIS FRIENDS, "YES, I AM THE MESSIAH, GOD'S SON!"

JESUS TOOK THREE OF HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY ON A MOUNTAINTOP!



SUDDENLY, HE WAS CHANGED! HE BECAME DAZZLINGLY BRIGHT!



AND MOSES AND ELIJAH APPEARED WITH HIM! THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW HE WOULD DIE TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE!



MASTER! IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE HERE! (LUKE 9:33)!



THIS IS MY CHOSEN SON! LISTEN TO HIM!

THEN THE BRIGHT LIGHT WENT AWAY! JESUS LOOKED LIKE HIS USUAL SELF AGAIN!

Moses and Elijah were two of the great and famous leaders of long ago, who did God's work. Moses led God's people into freedom and gave them God's law. Elijah stood up for God and his ways. Both of them did mighty acts that were full of the glory of God's power and love. But the Bible tells us that Jesus's glory is even greater! And when he died and rose again, he shared that glory with us!

### EXODUS 34:29

(When God gives the Law to Moses, Moses' face shines too brightly to look at)



### PSALM 99:7

"God spoke to his people in a pillar of cloud, and they kept his Law"



### 2 CORINTHIANS

3:18 "Grow in God's gift of love, until you see his glory face to face."

