

THE WORD OF GOD

(Sunday Take-home Insert – Last Sunday after Epiphany IRCL)

Collect

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray together:

God of Light and Wisdom

You call us to ascend the mountain

And wait for you:

Be our strength to climb

The fears and doubts of our soul;

Be our courage

To be engulfed by the cloud of your glory;

Be our patience

To receive the all-consuming fire of your presence;

And burn away the chaff that hides

The glory of our Belovedness in You;

In the Spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.

A period of silence for reflection follows each lesson and the sermon. Allow your attention to drop in and down and rest upon your breath. When distractions arise – such as thoughts and sounds and smells – simply notice and return to the breath.

Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 24:12-18

Reader: A reading from the book of Exodus.

Then Our God said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, and I will give you the Law and the commandments, which I have inscribed on stone tablets, for you to teach them with.” So Moses, and Joshua, his attendant, went up the mountain of God, saying to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return. Aaron and Hur will be with you; if there is dispute among you, turn to them.” Then Moses went up the mountain to where the clouds engulfed it. The glory of Our God then came to dwell on Mount Sinai. The cloud covered the mountain for six days; on the seventh day, God called to Moses out of the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of Our God looked like an all-consuming fire at the top of the mountain. Moses climbed the mountain until he disappeared into the cloud, and stayed there for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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 Peter 1:16-21

Reader: A reading from Second Peter.

We did not cleverly devise fables when we taught you of the power and coming of our Savior Jesus Christ; we ourselves saw the majesty of our Savior. For Jesus was honored and glorified by our Creator God when the voice of the Majestic Glory spoke out, “This is my Own, whom I love, and with whom I am well pleased.” We heard this ourselves – this voice from heaven-when we were with Jesus on the holy mountain. Moreover, we have the prophetic word, which is even more certain. Depend on it for your own good as a light shining in the dark, until first light breaks and the morning star rises in your hearts. At the same time, you need to know that no prophecy of scripture ever occurred by one’s own interpretation. Prophecy never comes through an act of human will, but comes as people have spoken for God under the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Hymn (see hymn board)

We stand as able.

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James and John up on a high mountain to be alone with them. And before their eyes, Jesus was transfigured – his face becoming as dazzling as the sun and his clothes as radiant as light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said, “Rabbi, how good that we are here! With your permission I will erect three shelters here – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!” Peter was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Out of the cloud came a voice which said, “This is my Own, my Beloved, on whom my favor rests. Listen to him!” When they heard this, the disciples fell forward on the ground, overcome with fear. Jesus came toward them and touched them, saying, “Get up! Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they did not see anyone but Jesus. As they were coming down the mountainside, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anyone about this until the Chosen One has risen from the dead.”

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Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors and guests this morning. After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the Lower Level for coffee and conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presider:	Marcia Franz
Preacher:	Jo DeYoung
Deacon:	Larry Shell
Organist:	Jan Brodersen
First Reader:	Tom Feller
Second Reader:	Karen Benstrom
Prayers of the People:	Chet DeFonso
Chalice Bearers:	Pat Micklow and Marcia Franz
Ushers:	Tom and Dianne Feller
Server:	Dan Platt

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Altar Guild: Jayne McQuaid and Cathy Cole
Nursery Attendant:
Coffee Hour Hosts: Mary Sullivan
Evening Prayer Officiant: Kevin Thew Forrester
Children's Ministry: Jim Edwards, Cathy Greer Cole, and Nancy Railey
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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Sunday	3 rd	Holy Eucharist (Last Sunday of the Epiphany)	10:30am
Tuesday	5 th	Morning Meditation	8:00am
		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	6:00pm
		Altar Guild	7:00pm
Wednesday	6 th	Ash Wednesday	All Day
		Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist	Noon
		Norlite Eucharistic Visitors	2:30pm
		Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist	7:00pm
		Choir Practice	7:00pm
Thursday	7 th	Morning Meditation	8:00am

OLD COMPUTER PRINTER INK CARTRIDGE COLLECTION

St. Paul's is collecting used ink cartridges, which will be used to help defray the cost of paper and other office supplies. Used ink cartridges can be dropped off at the church office between 8:00 am

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and 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday or placed in the collection box in the north entrance of the church (near the elevator). Thank you for your support.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The Food Bank items for February are: Tuna, Delux Macaroni and Cheese (doesn't need milk or butter), and Dehydrated Onion Flakes. As always, other items are welcomed. Monetary donations can be made by writing "Food Donation" on the memo line of your check or marking the envelope the same when donating cash - both can be placed in the collection plate on any Sunday. Questions about Hunger Ministry? Call Larry Shell: 250-8214 or e-mail him at larry@shell-family.com

POSTPONED: DISCUSSION ABOUT MODERN CREED

Due to Kevin being away this weekend, the after-church forum planned for feedback and discussion of our trial use of the modern creed (Statement of Affirmation) from the New Zealand Prayer Book has been rescheduled for March 2nd after Sunday Service.

SHROVE TUESDAY FEAST AND MARDI GRAS TALENT SHOW!

Children's Ministry will share a performance with the Mardi Gras Talent Show. Chris and Tom will be preparing pancakes and sweets. Serving will begin at 6:00pm on Tuesday February 5th. Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 for a family.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist will occur on Wednesday 6th at noon and 7 pm at St. Paul's Church.

SEASON OF LENT: ANNOUNCEMENT

During the Season of Lent we gather in silence, our souls becoming centered in the abiding presence of God who sets us free. As sounds, thoughts, memories, and plans, inevitably arise and capture our attention; we simply notice and return our attention to God – known in each breath we receive. **In order to support our gathering in silence, we will be making announcements after communion during Lent.**