



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMMUNION

February 11, 2018: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany 10:30am

Hymns

Entrance

Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460

Communion Hymns

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

LEVAS 18

Hymnal 129

Exit

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Hymnal 618

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.***

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was

parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2nd Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *please stand*

Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Anthems for Today's Music Festival

Prelude: *Glorious*

Martha Munizzi

*When you come into His presence, lifting up the name of Jesus
And you hear the music playin', and you see the people praisin'
Just forget about your worries, let your troubles fall behind you
Don't you wait another minute, just get up and on your feet and
Get to dancing, singing, jumping, leaping
Get to shouting, make it loud and make it glorious
Start rejoicing, praising, lifting, raising
Get to shouting, make it loud and make His praise glorious!*

Offertory Anthem: *Every Praise*

Hezekiah Walker

*Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord
Every praise every praise is to our God.
Sing hallelujah to our God
Glory hallelujah is due our God
Every praise every praise is to our God.
God my Savior, God my Healer
God my Deliverer
Yes He is, yes He is*

Communion Anthem: *I Am His Child*

Moses Hogan

*I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star
But what I am, I thank the Lord for making me His child*

*Thank you Lord for hearing every prayer
Thank you Lord for just being there
Thank you Lord, Thank you Lord
for I am not worthy of your love*

*I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star
But what I am, I thank the Lord for making me His child
So, don't use me or abuse me, for I am His child
Don't tease me or mistreat me, for I am still His child
You can even talk about me, but I am still His child.*

Postlude: *You're Worthy to be Praised*

Judith McAllister

*Hallelujah, you're worthy to be praised!
I lift my hands, I praise You, Lord
I bow my head, I honor You, Lord*

*Hallelujah, You're worthy!
Hallelujah, we praise Your name!
Hallelujah, so worthy!
Hallelujah, Lord we lift You up!*

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

We are thrilled to welcome back AJ Dickerson and the IBC Singers to Holy Communion.

AJ DICKERSON is a well-known performer in his native St. Louis. A former Columbia Records recording artist, he has worked with many prominent entertainers from the music, film and television industry, including Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, Marvin Gaye, and Debbie Allen.

THE IBC SINGERS (Inspired by Christ) bring musicians together to joyfully offer praise and worship through song. The music for today's festival was chosen as a celebration of the beauty of gospel music and our common love and belief of God, written by some of the best-loved composers of contemporary Gospel music today.

Martha Munizzi is an American Gospel music singer, songwriter, author, and actress. Along with figures like Ron Kenoly, CeCe Winans, and Israel Houghton, she is pioneering cross-cultural worship music that not only connects with both black and white Christian congregations, but also reaches the masses. Her songs are self-published under the name Say The Name Publishing/Martha Munizzi Music. She released her first Praise & Worship/Gospel album, *Say the Name* (2002), followed by *The Best Is Yet to Come* (2003) and *When He Came* (2004), both of which debuted high on Billboard's Gospel chart. *The Best Is Yet to Come* peaked at No. 2 on the Billboard Music Top Gospel Album charts in 2004, and remained on the charts for more than a year.

Bishop Hezekiah Walker is a popular American gospel music artist and pastor of Love Fellowship Tabernacle in Brooklyn, NY. He has released several albums on Benson Records and Verity Records as Hezekiah Walker & The Love Fellowship Crusade Choir. In 2001, Hezekiah & The LFT Church Choir were nominated for an NAACP Image Award for Best Gospel Artist, Traditional on the strength of the album *Love Is Love!* Walker won a Grammy Award for "Best Gospel Album By Choir Or Chorus" twice: once for *Live in Atlanta at Morehouse College* (1994) with The Love Fellowship Crusade Choir, and again for *Love Is Live!* (2001) with the LFT Church Choir.

The late **Moses Hogan** was an American composer and arranger of choral music. He was best known for his settings of African-American spirituals. Hogan was a pianist, conductor, and arranger of international renown. His most famous work today is *The Oxford Book of Spirituals* created in 2002.

Judith McCallister, composer of "You're Worthy to be Praised" and celebrated Gospel singer, is probably best known for her impact as one of the forerunners of the Praise and Worship movement in the African American Church. She is the leader of Never Ending Worship, and is the President of the International Music Department for the Church of God in Christ. Her breakthrough album, *In His Presence: Live!*, was released in 2006. Her fourth album, *Sound the Trumpet*, was released in 2011 with Shanachie Records.

Worship Leaders

Celebrant	The Rev. Mike Angell
Deacon	The Rev. Chester Hines
Lectors	Barbara Robinson, Ellis Anderson
Intercessor	Markie Jo Crismon
Crucifer	Joe Adams
Chalice	Josephine Ezenwa
Acolytes	Chloe Olliff, Amanda Willingham
Greeters/Ushers	Paul Mensah, Pierce Lamberson
Children's Chapel Leader	Heidi Olliff
Guest Musicians	AJ Dickerson and the IBC Singers

Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for the marriage of Rose Claire Smith and Dane Andrew Glueck.

Announcements

Contemplative Prayer During Lent – Wednesdays (6:00pm, in the chapel) Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Holy Communion Chapel (enter through the main door, and come through the church to the chapel) for Contemplative Prayer. Each week we'll explore various prayer practices from Silent Centering Prayer to the Stations of the Cross. The evening prayers will finish by 6:30pm, and we will gather for a simple soup supper.

Adult Forum Next Sunday, Kenneth Pruitt, director of diversity training for the Diversity Awareness Partnership at Webster University, will lead a discussion about the social construction of race. We will take a look at how race has been constructed over history, and how that social construction continues today.

Pancakes! Pancakes! Pancakes! Join us for our annual Pancake feast on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th from 5:30-7:30pm. The youth will again dazzle us with their pancake flipping skills as they raise money for the Youth Scholarship Fund. Donation recommendations: \$5 per person or \$10 per family. (Any donation amount will be welcomed.) Don't miss out on this fun filled evening!

Ash Wednesday February 14: Join us at noon for a simple service with hymns and again in the evening with the full choir at 7:00pm. We hope you will join us as we begin our Lenten Journey.

Pilgrimage, February 24 & March 24 (10:00am -2:00pm) Are you new to Holy Communion? To the Episcopal Church? To Christianity? Are you just looking to know more about the tradition? Join us for Pilgrimage, our course exploring themes in Christian thought and practice through the Episcopal tradition. This class is especially suited for newcomers, but it is open to all who are exploring. Lunch will be served; RSVP to the parish office (314-721-7401 or office@holycommunion.net). Look for a flyer with more details about the class structure posted in the Narthex.