GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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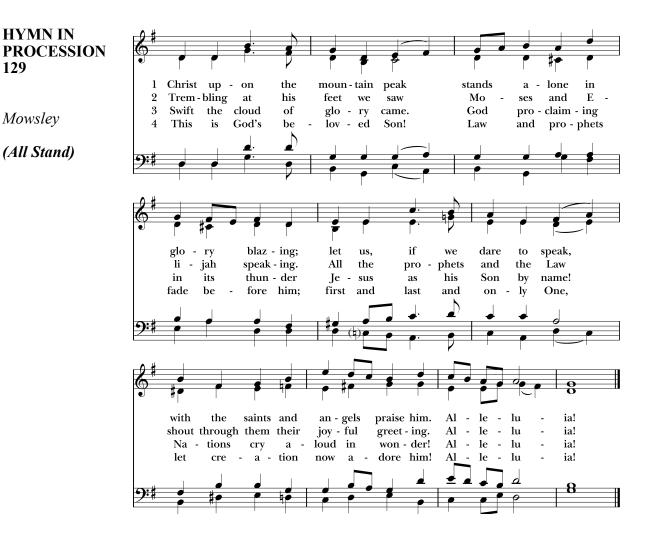
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite Two

The Last Sunday After Epiphany February 19, 2023–11:00am

VOLUNTARY Prelude on Wareham

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Healey Willian (1880-1868)



The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen. People:

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. Celebrant: 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.*

THE LESSONS (Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 99 (Sung by the Choir)

- 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.

People: Thanks be to God.

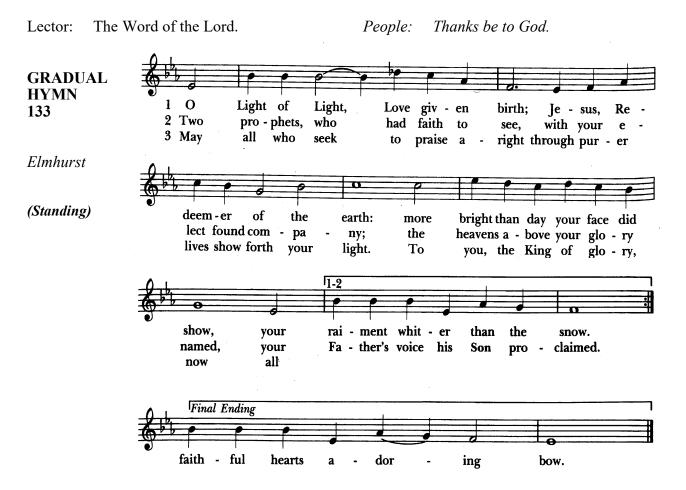
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 "O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
 for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Exodus 24:12-18

Chant: Thomas Attwood

THE SECOND READING

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

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Dustin Trowbridge (Please be seated)

THE NICENE CREED (All Stand)

All: 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.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Subdeacon:	Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for ourselves and for our ministries; for our rector, Dustin, our postulant to the diaconate, Lainie, our vestry, lay leadership, and all of our parish family. Lord, you have called us to serve you. <i>Silence</i> Lord, in your mercy
People:	Hear our prayer.
Subdeacon:	Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. <i>Silence</i> Lord, in your mercy
People:	Hear our prayer.
Subdeacon:	Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. <i>Silence</i> Lord, in your mercy
People:	Hear our prayer.
Subdeacon:	Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. <i>Silence</i> . Lord, in your mercy
People:	Hear our prayer.
Subdeacon:	Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember especially all who have suffered from the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic; those who have died and those exposed or isolated by this disease. <i>Silence</i> Lord, in your mercy
People:	Hear our prayer.

- Subdeacon: We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially all who have died in the service of our country, victims of gun violence, and Ida M. Sarvent, James G. Sarvent Sr, Edward & Edna Rowe, Caroline Blaiklock Rose, and Sarah & George Paxton, in whose memory the flowers this morning are lovingly offered. May your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence* Lord, in your mercy *People:* Hear our prayer.
- Celebrant: Let us pause and reflect on our dependence on God and offer silently or aloud our own intercessions or thanksgivings....

(The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.* 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.*

ABSOLUTION

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

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.*

(The People are encouraged to exchange the greetings of peace with all around them.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with an Offertory Sentence. The people's offerings are collected during the Offertory Anthem.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (Sung by the Choir)

Fair are the meadows, Fairer the woodlands, Robed in flowers of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine. Now and forevermore be Thine! Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory, glory and honor Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine. Now and forevermore be Thine!

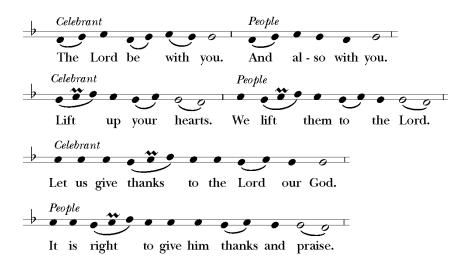
Arr. F. Melius Christiansen

During the Presentation, representatives of the congregation bring the people's gifts to the altar. The people stand, as able, for the Presentation Hymn.

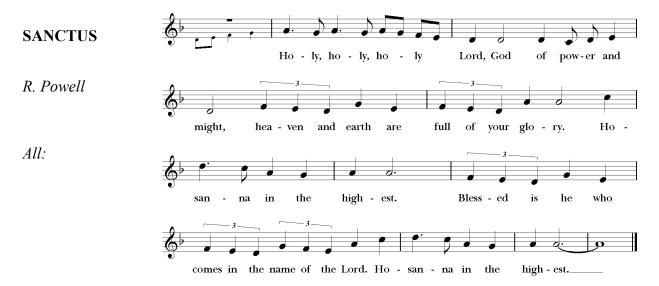


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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

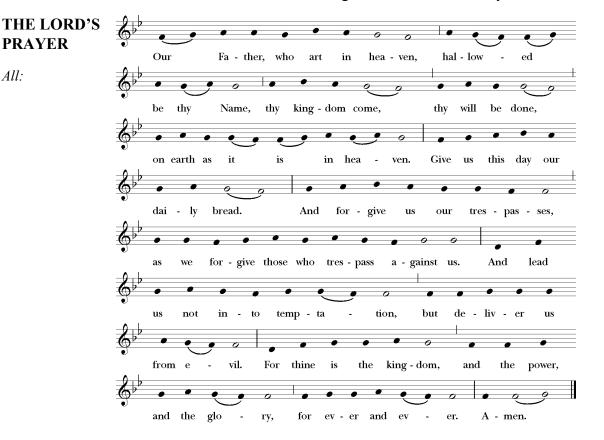
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

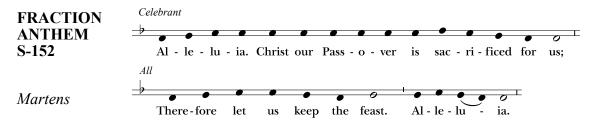
Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

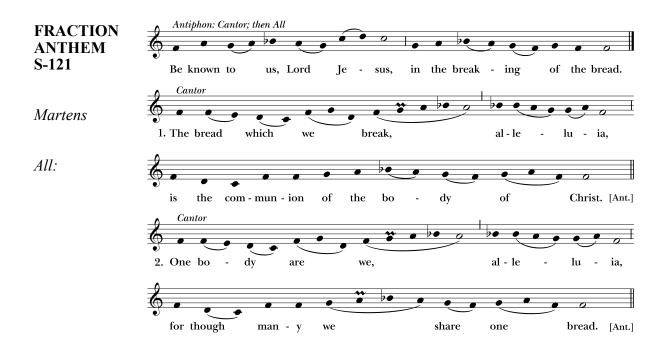
Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*.

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



(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.)

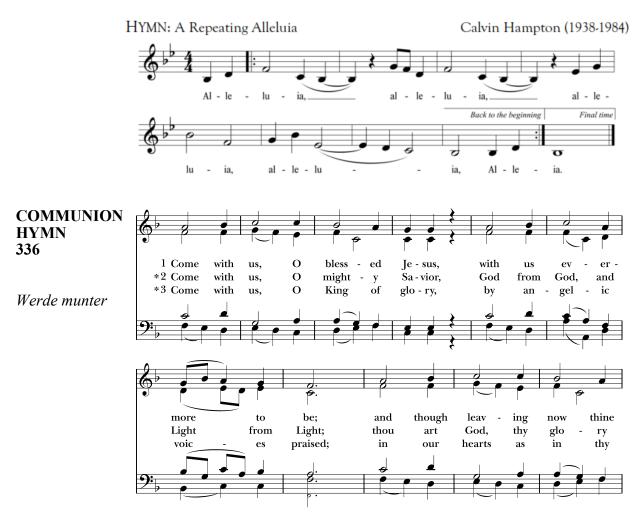






THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION (Sung by the Choir)





THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (All Stand)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SEASONAL BLESSING

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant:Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 137

Wareham



VOLUNTARY "Music for a Festival"

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)