

The Church of the Annunciation

A Parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark



February 14, 2010—*The Last after the Epiphany*

The Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.

Welcome! *If you are visiting or new, we are glad you joined us today. By filling out the visitor's card you will find near the door to the church, you will allow us to stay in touch with you. Please know that you and your children are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. Infants and toddlers are welcome in church, or, if you prefer, nursery care is available. You are encouraged to participate fully in our worship, as you are able—engaging your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Our service today is slightly abbreviated—much like our summertime services. This is because we are celebrating an 11:30 wedding today, as well.*

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Special Blessings

Entrance Hymn 127

If you are able, please stand to sing

1 Earth has man - ya no - ble ci - ty; Beth-lehem, thou dost all ex - cel:
2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,
3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;
4 Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing; in - cense doth their God dis - close,
5 Je - sus, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shiped at thy glad e - piph - a - ny,

1 out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.
2 to the world its God an - nounc - ing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.
3 see them give, in deep de - vo - tion, gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
4 gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his sep - ul - cher fore - shows.
5 un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, glo - ry be.

Priest ✠ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

The priest then says the Collect for Purity:

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.*

Gloria in excelsis *Please stand to sing*

Hymnal, S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also 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.*

Please be seated

Children's Greeting

The children come forward for a brief story, after which their Sunday School classes convene downstairs. They return to church in time for Communion.

A Reading from Exodus

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.

(Exodus 34:29-35)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Please remain seated. The psalm is recited in unison today.

- 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.

(Psalm 99)

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing,

forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

(1 Corinthians 12:27-13¹³)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 126

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
 2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
 3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
 5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
 2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
 3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
 4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
 5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Alleluia

Cantor: ALL:
 Al - - le - lu - - ia. Al - - le - lu - - ia - - - - - !

Cantor This is my Son, the Be/loved,* with whom / I am well pleased. (Matthew 17:5)
All then repeat the second Alleluia

The Gospel

Reader ☩ ☩ ☩ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, 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.

(Luke 9:28-36)

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

Sermon *Please be seated*

Nicene Creed

All stand and say together the following

At the italicized words, you are invited to bow

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.

Prayers of the People

The priest first states the prayer intentions of the parish, and then says
Let us pray for the church and for the world.

The people are invited to kneel

Leader In peace and faith, let us offer our prayers, saying “Christ, have mercy.” For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For Katharine our Presiding Bishop, Mark our diocesan bishop, and for all the people of God, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader In our own prayer cycle, for the Trustees of the Memorial Fund, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For those who celebrate a special occasion this week, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, remembering this week James, chief justice, and the state Supreme Court, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For those known to us to be sick or in special need, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For James M. Hale and Kenneth B. Gibson, who died in Iraq, and Colin Wilmot and Brendan Downey, who died in Afghanistan, and all those who have died in the wars, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray.

People Christ, have mercy.

The priest concludes with a collect, to which the people are invited to add their “Amen.”

Peace

All stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the people may greet one another, exchanging peace in the name of God.

Offertory Hymn 427

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, Prayer Book, p.361

The people remain standing

Priest The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here the priest adds the proper preface.*) 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:

Sanctus

Hymnal, S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features several triplet markings over groups of three notes.

The people kneel, and the priest continues, saying in the midst of the prayer
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

During the invocation of the Holy Spirit over the people, you are invited to make the sign of the cross
... ✠ Sanctify us also ...

The priest concludes

...we celebrate the memorial of our redemption ... now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Priest As now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All say together

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal, S-172

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

Bles - sed are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time.

Cantor Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peoples. For his loving-kindness toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

The people then repeat the Antiphon

Communion of the People

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, especially young children! Please come forward to the altar rail as directed by the ushers. It is our custom to say our name before God, as the priest dispenses the bread. If you are unable to take the steps and would like Communion brought to you, please inform an usher.

Post-Communion Prayer

All say together

Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing ✠

Hymn 129



1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

February 17
The First Day of Lent
Ash Wednesday

Two Identical Services at Annunciation
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Each will include hymns, a sermon, the
imposition of ashes, the litany of repentance, and
Holy Communion

About Today's Lessons & Liturgy

Hail, favored ones, and welcome to Annunciation! On this final Sunday before Lent the Epiphany theme of the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God comes to a close with the account of the most striking manifestation of all, prior to the Resurrection. The Transfiguration of Christ was the turning point in his ministry, and for this reason it comes at this turning point in the Church Year.

In Luke's account, which we read this year, we are told that the conversation between Jesus and Moses and Elijah concerned his departure, which he was to perform in Jerusalem. In the original Greek text the word is *exodos* (Latin, *exodus*) which reminds us of the close relationship in meaning—as well as in time—between Passover and the dying and rising of Jesus. Luke also tells us a few verses later that it was at this point that he “set his face to go up to Jerusalem,” to his certain death. And so, today we set our faces to go through Lent and Good Friday in order to arrive at Easter.

The Old Testament reading gives us a parallel event in the life of Moses. In his encounters with God during his leadership of Israel, Moses' face was transfigured. The light of God shone forth from him.

In today's reading from 1 Corinthians, we have Paul's famous discourse on self-giving love. It is in that love which is the essence of God and the gift of God to us that God shines forth in us.

Today is the last Sunday we use *Alleluia* until Easter.

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Who Knew?

How to Reduce the Size of Your Congregation: 6) Urge your pastor to adopt a highly non-directive “laid back” leadership style.

—Neal O. Mitchell, *Beyond Business as Usual*, 2007

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