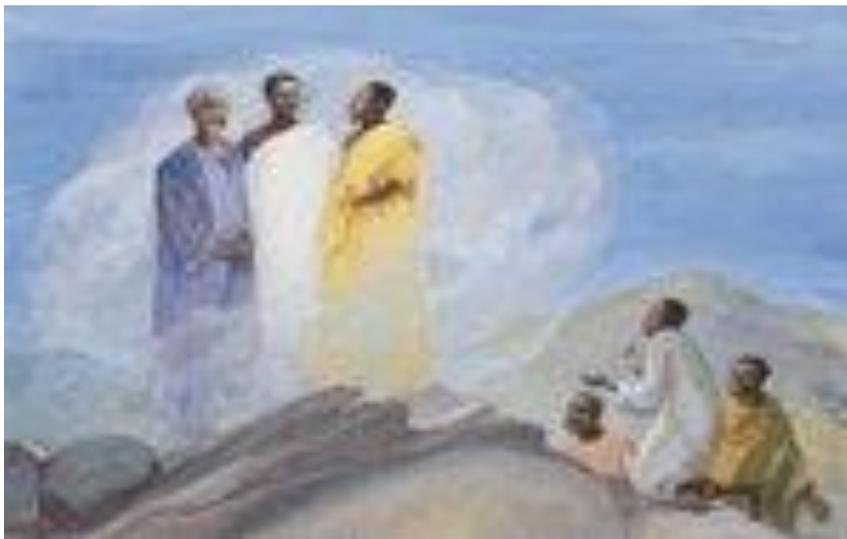


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Fairland Parish



Last Sunday after the Epiphany -Transfiguration

Quinquagesima

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

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# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## Quinquagesima

### *Last Sunday after the Epiphany - Transfiguration*

*The People enter, masked, and maintaining physical distance. Silence is kept.*

#### **Prelude**

**Opening Hymn:** Songs of thankfulness and praise     **Hymnal #135**

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.
  
4. Manifest on mountain height,  
shining in resplendent light,  
where disciples filled with awe  
thy transfigured glory saw.  
When from thou leddest them  
steadfast to Jerusalem,  
cross and Easter Day attest  
God in man made manifest.

### **Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and always.

*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.

*Led by the Choristers, all sing:*

***Gloria in excelsis***      Canticle 6      **Hymnal # S204**

Glory be to God on high,  
And on earth peace, good will towards men,  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away  
the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

*Celebrant:*      The Lord be with you.

*People:*      And also with you.

*Celebrant:*      Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

God unknown  
and unsheltered  
by our poor constructs:

open to us the moments  
when heaven overshadows time  
and robs us of empty words;  
in the moment of silence  
help us to listen  
to the Chosen One,  
who goes to die that we might live,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

<sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

<sup>32</sup> Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;

- <sup>34</sup> 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,
- <sup>35</sup> 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.

### **Psalm of the Day**

### **Psalm 99**

*The Choristers chant the Psalm*

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Holy is he!
- <sup>4</sup> Mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup> Extol the LORD our God;  
worship at his footstool.  
Holy is he!

<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.  
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup> He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his decrees,  
and the statutes that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

<sup>9</sup> Extol the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy.

**The New Testament Lesson**      2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise 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.

*LEM:*           The Word of the Lord.

*People:*        Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn:** O Light of light, Love given birth vss. 1,3

**Hymnal #133**

1. O Light of light, Love given birth;  
  Jesus, Redeemer of the earth:  
  more bright than day your face did show,  
  your raiment whiter than the snow.

2. Two prophets, who had faith to see,  
with your elect found company,  
the heavens above your glory named,  
the Father's voice his Son proclaimed;
3. May all who seek to praise aright  
through purer lives show forth your light.  
To you, the King of glory, now  
all faithful hearts adoring bow.

## **The Gospel**

Luke 9:28-43a

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

9:28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

9:29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

9:30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

9:31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

9:32 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.

9:33 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.

9:34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

9:35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

9:36 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.

9:37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

9:38 Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.

9:39 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.

9:40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

9:41 Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."

9:42 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.

9:43a And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon: A Veil Lies Over Their Minds**

### **The Creed**

*Led by the LEM, the People say*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, the 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 human.

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**

*The LEM or Reader says*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy" (or "Kyrie eleison").

That Your Church may be filled with truth and love, and stand blameless before you at the day of your coming, *Lord, have mercy.*

That Your people may be one, and our witness to Your love be faithful, to the ends of the earth, *Lord, have mercy.*

That those who have lost their faith or their way may find it by Your light, and follow it well, *Lord, have mercy.*

That there may be peace among the nations, and respect and forbearance among all peoples, *Lord, have mercy.*

That those in positions of public trust may speak truth, serve justice, and promote the dignity of every human being, *Lord, have mercy.*

That we might use Your creation rightly, and free all people from hunger, malice, ignorance, and misery, *Lord, have mercy.*

That all who are in flight from peril or suffering, in prison or in pain, or who suffer from illness, poverty, or persecution, may find safety, haven, and relief, *Lord, have mercy.*

That this congregation, present and absent, may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth Your glory, *Lord, have mercy.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, *Lord, have mercy.*

For the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who are commended to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died, be their faith known to us or to you alone, that, with all Your saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Mary, the Mother of God, [N.,] and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*The People stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be *always* with you,

People: And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another.*<sup>1</sup>

**Choral Anthem:** Hear ye, Israel (from Elijah”) Felix Mendelssohn

*Chelsea Shephard, soloist*

*The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.*

*The People make ready their gifts of bread and wine.*

### **The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving**

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 God thanks and praise.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: under disease-mitigation protocols, the People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy Lord, creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the power of the Holy Spirit was made perfect flesh of the ever-blessèd Mary, his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the host of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to the glory of your Name,

**The Sanctus**

**Hymnal #S129**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in your Word made flesh: Jesus, your Son. For in the fullness of time you sent him among us to live and die as one of us, the Savior and the Redeemer of the world. In him you deliver us from evil, and make us worthy to stand before you. In him, you bring us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life.

On the night before he was betrayed unto death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. Giving thanks to you, he broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.” †

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.” †

Therefore, according to his command, O Lord,

*The People, led by the LEM, say*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory:

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you from your creation this bread and this wine, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. Send your Holy Spirit upon them that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit to live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us to that heavenly country where, with [N.] and all your saints, we may enter into the

everlasting heritage of all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. *AMEN.* ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

*The People, led by the Choristers sing*

*LEVAS 264*

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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then keeps a period of silence.*

*The People, led by the Choristers, sing:*

*Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover*

*Hymnal # S155*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The People consume their gifts in place, or do so after coming forward to receive a host, maintaining social distance.*

**Communion Hymn: Christ is the world's true light Hymnal #542**

1. Christ is the world's true light,  
its Captain of salvation,  
the Daystar clear and bright  
of every race and nation;  
new life, new hope awakes,  
for all who own his sway:  
freedom her bondage breaks,  
and night is turned to day.
  
2. In Christ all races meet,  
their ancient feuds forgetting,  
the whole round world complete,  
from sunrise to its setting:  
when Christ is throned as Lord  
all shall forsake their fear,  
to plough-share beat the sword,  
to pruning hook the spear.

3. One Lord, in one great Name  
unite us all who own thee;  
cast out our pride and shame  
that hinder to enthrone thee;  
the world has waited long,  
has travailed long in pain;  
to heal its ancient wrong,  
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant or LEM leads the People in the following prayer:*

Eternal God, holy Lord, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Now send us forth in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Announcements**

*Announcements, if any, are made here.*

## **Blessing**

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

**Withdrawal Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus vss. 1,3,4 Hymnal #460**

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.
  
3. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.
  
4. Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

*The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.*

## **Dismissal**

*The LEM says*

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **Postlude**

**The Flowers on the altar today were given to the Glory of God in  
Thanksgiving for God's Blessings by Raymond and Olivia Lee.**

*Chelsea Shephard, our soloist today, is Don's niece. She lives in New  
York City and is a member of the Metropolitan Opera Chorus.*

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