

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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Our service begins on page 323 in the blue Book of Common Prayer.

THE COLLECT

O God, who before the passion of thy only begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

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.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 99

- 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 SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

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

Six days later, 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."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us now pray for the Church, and for the World.

Leader For the Church near and far, and for the reconciling love that she shares in your name.

We will arise, and shine, for our Light has come.

Leader For our country and for those who have been given authority among us.

We pray that all nations shall come to your light, and all leaders to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader For peace in all the world.

We pray for an end to violence, hatred, and war, and for the courage to be light in the darkness.

Leader For our neighbors.

May we bring our gifts into community, and find our lives enriched by the generosity of others.

Leader For those who suffer.

Give us strength to comfort all who endure the limitations of mind, body, and spirit.

Leader We give thanks for the many blessings of this life.

May we see the radiance of your grace in our daily lives.

Leader For those who now rest in your glorious presence.

May we be guided by their example, as light perpetual shines upon them.

The Celebrant concludes:

Radiant God, you scatter the shadows by your holy presence. May the living of these prayers make us a reflection of your True and Eternal Light; the One who gives life, and illuminates our world, your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

RECEIVING COMMUNION

The Church believes that in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ is given to God's people and received by faith. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome here and invited either to participate in Communion or to receive a blessing. To receive the bread, please hold your hands out in front of you. To receive the wine, help guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer, you may dip the bread in the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you do not wish to receive the bread and the wine, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands across your chest, and receive a blessing. **Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.**

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Dawn Neely, Paul Rogers, Ellen Zemke, Brad Gough, Darcey Murphy, Augustus Joyce, Chris Orr, Joey Roth, Carolyn Ludwig, Jim Votaw, Nip Becker, Sherri Brokamp, Megan Feichtner, Monroe Helvie.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Megan Darling Feichtner’s & Charles D. Darling IV’s birthdays by Missy and Chuck Darling.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Mitchell Bojarski
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Gary Lubin
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Gary Lubin
<i>Lector</i>	Pattie Kovach
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Missy Darling
<i>Intercessor</i>	Megan Feichtner
<i>Bankers</i>	Bob Campbell, Michael Staffiera (alt.)
<i>Bread Guild</i>	Paul Callard , Blake Gustafson, Cheryl Fast
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Melanie Schottelkotte, Jenny Gale, Zule Montgomery, Francie Morrison
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Karen Murphy, Nip Becker, Jenny Gale, Kathe Kissel, Katy Mallon
<i>Children’s Liturgy</i>	The Rev. Philip DeVaul, Kristin Theobald



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