



**St. Vincent's Episcopal Church  
Last Sunday after Epiphany- March 2, 2025**

**Prelude Song BB45**

***"Here I am to Worship"***

*Light of the world,  
you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore you,  
hope of a life spent with you.*

*Here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

*King of all days,  
oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came to the earth you created,  
all for love's sake became poor.*

*Here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

*And I'll never know how much it cost to see  
my sin upon that cross.  
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my sin upon that cross.*

*Here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

**Processional Hymn #460**

***“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”***

*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.*

*Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o’er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
“I am with you evermore”?*

*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.*

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

**People: *And Blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.***

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.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Gloria - #S-280**

***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,***

*almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **Collect of the Day**

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 Liturgy of the Word**

#### **A Reading from the Book of Exodus (34:29-35)**

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.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

**Let us read responsively by whole verse, 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.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* As it was in the beginning, is  
now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

**A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (3:12-4:2)**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 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. 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. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice 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.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

**Gospel Hymn #707      *"Take my Life and Let it Be"***

*Take, my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt chose.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.*

*Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO**

**Luke (9:28-36, [37-43a])**

**All: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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. [On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. 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. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." 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. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

**Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**All: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Alleluia - #205, refrain (x3)**

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

### **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

***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.***

### **The Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

Reader: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

**All: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

**All: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

**All: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

**All: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole; especially those on our parish prayer list: *the Mata Family, Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla, Ken Von der Heiden, Emily Matthews, Eileen Prins, Edith Racine, Jim Frishe, Susan Burnett, Susan Austin, Dante Balzano, Pat Goodin, and Deb Carlisle*

**All: *Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

**All: *Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

**All: *Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

**All: *Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

**All: *Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

**All:** *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader: You are the Lord who does wonders:

**All:** *You have declared your power among the peoples.*

Reader: With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

**All:** *And in your light we see light.*

Reader: Hear us, O Lord of life:

**All:** *Heal us, and make us whole.*

Reader: We invite those wishing to receive a blessing of healing to come to the altar.

Celebrant: The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **The Confession**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Minister & People:** *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.*

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.

### **Announcements**

#### **Offertory**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Hymn #680**

**"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

*O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:*

*Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.*

**Doxology (Hymnal #380 v.3)**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Celebrant: All things come from thee, O Lord.

**All: *And of thine own have we given thee.***

**Presentation of the Gifts**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

**All: *Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

**All: *Blessed be God forever.***

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist – Prayer C**

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 Him thanks and praise.***



Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**People:** ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**People:** ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**People:** ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
**People:** ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus (Hymnal #S-129)**

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Celebrant: Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**People:** ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy

Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People:** *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**All together Say:** *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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

### Agnus Dei

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **People:** *Have mercy on us.*

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **People:** *Have mercy on us.*

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **People:** *Grant us your peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Song BB52**

### **"Shepherd Me, O God"**

*Shepherd me, O God  
beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears,  
from death in to life.*

*God is my shepherd,  
so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of  
faithfulness and love.  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.*

*Shepherd me, O God  
beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears,  
from death in to life.*

*Gently you raise me  
and heal my weary soul,*

*you lead me by pathways  
of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the  
music of your Name.*

*Shepherd me, O God  
beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears,  
from death in to life.*

*Though I should wander  
the valley of death.  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff,  
my comfort and my hope.*

*Shepherd me, O God  
beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears,  
from death in to life.*

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

***People: I believe, Lord, that you are truly in Heaven and in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I very much want to receive you into my soul, but not being able to do so sacramentally now, come spiritually into my heart. And as if I had already received you, I embrace you and I fully join You. Lord, do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen***

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

***Celebrant and People: 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 Blessing and Dismissal**

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.**

### **Recessional Hymn #618**

### **"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"**

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Alleluia!*

*O higher than the cherubim,  
More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th'eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!*

*Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!*

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:** ***Thanks be to God.***