

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Morning Prayer Service
February 14, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn – “Praise to the Lord”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Join the great throng,
Psaltery, organ and song,
Sounding in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! Over all things he gloriously reigneth.
Borne as on eagle wings, safely his Saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How all thou needest hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee.
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath breath, join with Abraham’s seed to adore him!
Let the “amen”
Sum all our praises again,
Now as we worship before him.

Opening Sentence

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

The Officiant continues

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Invitatory

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Jubilate (Psalm 100) *(said responsively by half verse)*

Officiant Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
All **serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

Officiant Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
All **he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Officiant Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
All **give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

Officiant For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
All **and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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

Antiphon

Officiant The Lord has shown forth his glory.

All **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 50:1-6 *(said responsively by half verse)*

Officiant The mighty one, God the Lord,
All **speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Officiant Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
All **God shines forth.**

Officiant Our God comes and does not keep silence,
All **before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.**

Officiant He calls to the heavens above
All **and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

Officiant ‘Gather to me my faithful ones,
All **who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!’**

Officiant The heavens declare his righteousness,
All **for God himself is judge.**

First Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?’ And he said, ‘Yes, I know; keep silent.’

Elijah said to him, ‘Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?’ And he answered, ‘Yes, I know; be silent.’

Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.’ Elisha said, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.’ He responded, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 10 (said responsively by half verse)

Officiant Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
All **call upon him when he draws near.**

Officiant Let the wicked forsake their ways *
All **and the evil ones their thoughts;**

Officiant And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
All **and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**

Officiant For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
All **nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

Officiant For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
All **so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

Officiant For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
All **and return not again, but water the earth,**

Officiant Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
All **seed for sowing and bread for eating,**

Officiant So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
All **it will not return to me empty;**

Officiant But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
All **and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

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

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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Canticle 19 *(said responsively by half verse)*

Officiant O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *

All **surpassing human understanding.**

Officiant Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *

All **O King of all the ages.**

Officiant Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *

All **for you only are the Holy One.**

Officiant All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *

All **because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

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

The Gospel **Mark 9:2-9**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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The Sermon Mark Baird

Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*Officiant and People*)

All **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.**

Suffrages B

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
All **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant Day by day we bless you;
All **We praise your name for ever.**

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;
All **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;
All **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;
All **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Solo by Matthew Johnson “10,000 Reasons” by Matt Redman

Collect

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

Reader O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Intercessional Prayer

Officiant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Officiant We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week for Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Merna, Sal, Steve, Joe, Maggie, and David.

Officiant We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one. We pray especially for the families of Hilda, Amarillis, Helen, Esther, Emaline, Alyssa, Bernie, Gordon, Cyrus, Eunice, Henrietta, Hazel, Donald, Geraldine, Nancy, and Marjorie.

Officiant I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries.

Officiant prays for all prayer requests.

Officiant O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

All **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “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 the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia,
alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!