

# The Last Sunday after the Epiphany



February 14, 2021



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Bayou Home

William Grant Still

OPENING HYMN

Christ upon the mountain peak

Hymnal 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!

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

*Officiant* Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

Let us pray.

Holy God, you have revealed the glory of your love in Jesus Christ, and have given us a share in your Spirit. May we who listen to Christ follow faithfully, and, in the dark places where you send us, reveal the light of your gospel; through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

*Lector* A reading from Second Kings.

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 Elisha 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 Elisha 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 to 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 50:1-6

- 1        The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
          he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2        Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
          God reveals himself in glory.
- 3        Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
          before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4        He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
          to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5        “Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
          those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.
- 6        Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
          for God himself is judge.

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*Lector*        A reading from Second Corinthians.

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 in 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and let 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## HOMILY

*Officiant* Joining with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world,  
let us affirm the faith of the Church, saying the Nicene Creed.

*All* **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

adapted from *Common Worship*

*Reader* O God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with you,  
we offer our prayers for the transformation of the world and the church.

Lord Jesus, baptizing us with the Spirit and with fire,  
strengthen us to grow in hope.

Lord of truth,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Lord Jesus, eternal Word, hear us as we pray for those who proclaim your word, especially  
Bonnie our bishop; Emily, Anthony, and David our priests; Chip our deacon; and all who  
teach, preach, challenge, and encourage.

Lord of truth,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent,  
teach your Church dependence on your grace.

Lord of truth,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Lord Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray for our world and our country,  
especially for Joe our President, Gretchen our governor, Michael our mayor, and all who hold  
authority.

Lord of truth,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Lord Jesus, fulfillment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer and wait for healing.  
We pray for *Pat Ald, Sue Barber, Lucy Bergin, Ed Beverly, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Digory,*  
*Kate Latham Driscoll, Trevor Esse, Sean Farley, Debbie Faust, Vincent Faust, Grace, Hope*  
*Hoffman, Judith, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Matthew Klein, Arnold Matthews,*  
*Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon, Paul, Kathleen S., Atticus Schoonover, Marilyn Shably, Owen*  
*Sprague, Gregg Stewart, Len St. Jean, John T., Bobbie Traxler, Sue Urbanski, Mimi Van Scoter,*  
*Megan White, Bob Wright,* and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

Lord of truth,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Lord Jesus, in whose light we see light, welcome into light perpetual those we love but see no  
longer. We pray for all who have died, especially those we now name.  
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

Lord of truth,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us and shower us with gifts of your Holy Spirit. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays this week: **Chuck Atwater, Garrett TenBrink, Denyse Jackson, Sue Ann Parkinson**, and those we now name.  
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

*People* Lord of truth,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* O God, you revealed your glory and presence in your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today, free us from all doubts, and empower us to act as a transfigured people. In your Holy Name, we pray.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.**

*Officiant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## PEACE

*Officiant* God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. (*2 Corinthians 1:22*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.*



## VESTRY GREETING

## OFFERTORY

BCP 377

*Officiant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Please give generously at [christcd.org/online-giving](http://christcd.org/online-giving)  
or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

arr. Robert J. Powell

What wondrous love is this? O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to send such perfect peace to my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

The love redeems us all, O my soul!  
We shall not faint or fall, for love redeems us all!  
Love answers every call, O my soul!

## PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**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.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts 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. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*Celebrant and People*

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Common Worship*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.  
Amen.**

*The priest does not receive, but begins the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Common Worship*

*Celebrant* Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love,  
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,  
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

*All* **Although we cannot gather in person as a congregation  
and consume these gifts of bread and wine together,  
we thank you that we do receive the sacrament of Christ's presence,  
the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may we embody your desire and be renewed for your service,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus, stay with us. Assure us with and revive us in the truth that in you alone, we are  
and always will be one body. Nourish us with solace and strength to be bread for the  
world, and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet, where with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple  
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; all our hopes and  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him, you be - hold him

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same for - ev - er,  
 fears he knows. In his hands he gent - ly bears us,  
 face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;

ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847), alt; para. Psalm 103  
 MUSIC: John Goss (1800-1880)

LAUDA ANIMA  
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## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC

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