THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
The Transfiguration
February 14, 2021

Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00 a.m.

Our worship is according to The Book of Common Prayer. This leaflet contains everything you will need to participate actively.

PRELUDE O Christ, who art the light and day Georg Boehm
INTROIT O day of radiant gladness Old German melody

O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light.
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing “Holy, holy, holy”, to the great God Triune.

All stand.

HYMN 135 tune: Salzburg
Officiant: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

OPENING SENTENCES

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
Music: Sothborg, melody Jakob Hinter (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1759)
I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All kneel or sit. Silence may be kept.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER  All stand.

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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.

 Except during Lent, may be added:

Alleluia.
VENITE (sung by all)

Antiphon for Epiphany

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory:

O come, let us adore him.

1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth, and the strength of the hills is his also. 5. The sea is his and he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker. 7. For he is the Lord our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth. 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.
PSALM 50:1-6 (read responsively)

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.

FIRST LESSON: Kings 2:1-12  All sit.

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.
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE (sung by the soloist)  
Thomas Morley

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON:  Mark 9:2-9

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.

HYMN 137  All stand.  
tune: Wareham
Descant

1 O wonderful type! O vision fair of glory
2 With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate
3 With shining face and bright array, Christ designs to
4 And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great
5 O Father, with the eternal Son, and Holy

vi-sion's mys-ter-y; for which in joyful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ upon the
2 Lord holds converse high; and from the cloud, the
3 man-i-fest to-day what glory shall be
4 vi-sion's mys-ter-y; for which in joyful
5 Spi-rit, ev-e-r One, vouch-safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun-tain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
2 Ho-ly One bears record to the only Son.
3 theirs a-bove who joy in God with perfect love.
4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
5 by thy grace to see thy glory face to face.

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APOSTLES’ CREED  *All stand and face the high altar.*

*All:*  I believe in God, the Father almighty, 
maker of heaven and earth; 
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; 
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 
born of the Virgin Mary, 
suffered under Pontius Pilate, 
was crucified, dead and buried. 
He descended into hell. 
The third day he rose again from the dead. 
He ascended into heaven, 
and sitteth on the right hand of God 
the Father almighty. 
From thence he shall come to judge 
the quick 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.  
*People:*  And with thy spirit.  
*Officiant:*  Let us pray.  

_All kneel or sit._  

*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.
Cantor or Officiant

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.
THE COLLECTS

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.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of all who suffer, we pray for those on our parish prayer list: Augustine, Tom, Leonor, Lou, Margery, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Liz, Carla, Frank, Jim, Joan, Roger, Andrea, Nadia, Mihail, Padmini, Rosalyn, Miriam, Wendell, Lorna, Holly, Juliana, Alysse, Meredith, Adriana, Katie, Lara and Joan; and those we name now in silence or aloud.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Gladys Bales, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies;
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we may show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE GRACE

**Officiant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

THE PEACE  
**All stand.**

**Officiant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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SOLO  
_Solo: Epiphany Carol  
Bruce Neswick_

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:  
Myrrh and frankincense and gold Grave and God and King foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”  
Then from heav’n a double sign—dove-like Spirit, voice divine—  
Hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest  
And at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;  
Further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
Bringing light and life to all who would listen to God’s call.

Sing of God made manifest on a cloud-capped mountain’s crest,  
Where the Law and Prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:  
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, giv’n as Jesus set his face  
Towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

HYMN 380 (stanza 3)  
_All stand._  
tune: 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._

BLESSING

**Officiant:** The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in
the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**HYMN 460**

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tune: Hyfrydol

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the
2 Alleluia! not as orphans are we
3 Alleluia! bread of Heaven, Thou on
4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the
5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the

1 scepter, his the throne; Allelujia! his the
2 left in sorrow now; Allelujia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Allelujia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own; Allelujia! born of
5 scepter, his the throne; Allelujia! his the

1 triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the
3 sinful flee to thee from day to day: In ter-
4 Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou with-
5 triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the
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DISMISSAL

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude on *Hyfrydol*  Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, *Interim Priest in Charge*
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