

# Morning Prayer

## The Last Sunday after The Epiphany, Year B

February 14, 2021

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### Prelude

### Announcements

### Opening Sentence

*The Presider says*

From the rising of the sun to its setting, my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

### Opening Hymn

Hymnal 542

*Christ is the world's true light*

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:  
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

## Confession of Sin

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

*The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People*

**God of all mercy,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you,  
 opposing your will in our lives.  
 We have denied your goodness in each other,  
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
 the evil we have done,  
 and the evil done on our behalf.  
 Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
 through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 that we may abide in your love  
 and serve only your will. Amen.**

*A Priest says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Presider* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* **And your glory all the day long.**

**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. Alleluia.**

*Presider* The Holy One is in our midst:

*People* **O come let us worship.**

## Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Hymnal 377

*Unison or harmony*

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his  
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us  
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -  
4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - joice.  
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.

## Psalm 50:1-6

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

**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. Alleluia.**

*Presider* The Holy One is in our midst:

*People* **O come let us worship.**

## The Lessons

### First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.”

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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.”

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.” <sup>10</sup>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.” <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed**

*Magna et mirabilia*

*Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \***

**O King of all the ages.**

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.

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

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

**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.**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

<sup>3</sup>If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>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.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

Tune: *Mendon*

*O Light of Light, Love given birth*

O Light of Light, Love given birth; Je- sus, Re-  
Two pro-phets, who had faith to see, with your e-  
May all who seek to praise a- right through pur-er  
-deem- er of the earth: more bright than day your  
-lect found com- pan- y; the heavens a- bove your  
lives show forth your light. To you, the King of



face did show, your rai-ment whi- ter than the snow.  
glo- ry named, your Fa-ther's voice his Son pro- claimed.  
glo- ry, now all faith-ful hearts a- dor- ing bow.

### Third Reading

Mark 9:2-9

A Reading from Mark.

<sup>2</sup>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, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.



<sup>9</sup>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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Sermon

#### The Prayers

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

*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.**

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



*A Collect for Peace*

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. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for Mission*

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. **Amen.**

**Intercessions and thanksgivings**

*Presider* Let us hear your voice as, in awe, we come before you. May we not be the same, after recognizing your glory.

*Intercessor* Speak to us of peace. Call us to work for justice and to care for the welfare of all your children: in our homes, in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, in you Church, in the world. Shine your light in the dark places of our lives and in this world. **Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We pray for all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and for our brothers and sisters worshipping at the Cathedral Church of St Paul, Detroit, and St Paul's, Jackson. **Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

Overshadow us with your awesome presence. Walk down from the mountaintop with us, and walk before us into the places you would have us serve as witnesses to your healing and love. **Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

We raise to you our gratefulness for all goodness and joy [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. **Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

Call us to be a compassionate and prayerful presence for those whose hearts ache from grief, whose souls are weary or wounded. We pray for [\_\_\_\_\_]. Surround them with supportive people, the resources they need, and a tangible sense of your love. **Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

We pray for those who have died, [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may know the fullness of your love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss, and give them the confidence of your love that knows no limits of time or space. **Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Presider then says*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts.

**Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*The Presider then says*

My brothers and sisters, I invite you- wherever you are- to take into your hands the gifts you offer today. Gifts of food, gifts of money, gifts of whatever form, and join me as we offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good our vows to the Most High.

Let us pray.

Loving God and merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: we come to you with thanksgiving and praise. We offer to you this day our gifts of time, talent, and possessions, knowing that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from you. **Please accept these gifts, and help us to reach out to others as**

**you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

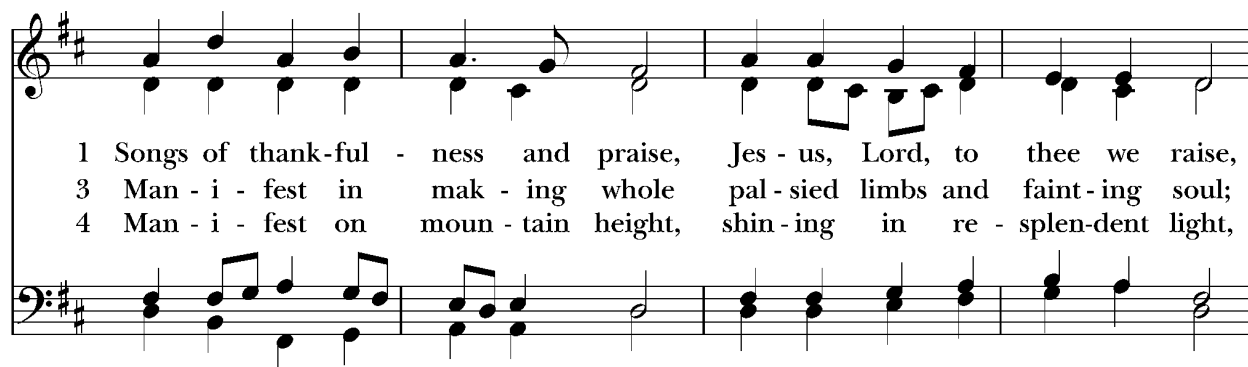
*The General Thanksgiving*

**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.**

**Concluding Hymn**

Hymnal 135

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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## Blessing and Dismissal

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

Go into the world, and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness. For there are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done, unless you do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken, unless you speak them.

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Presider* Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

*People* **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

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. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**Postlude**

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**REGARDING OFFERINGS TO ST. BARNABAS CHURCH**

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**CONTINUING OUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND FUNDS  
TO FAITH IN ACTION**

Faith in Action is continuing to provide leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They will be in need of our continuing help in the weeks of winter still to come.

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## Upcoming Commemorations

- Feb 14 Valentine of Rome, Martyr, c.270;  
and, Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries, 869 and 885  
15 Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730  
16 Charles Todd Quintard: Bishop of Tennessee, 1898  
17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda and Martyr, 1977  
18 Martin Luther, Pastor and Church Reformer, 1546  
19 Agnes Tsao Kou Ying, Agatha Lin Zhao, and Lucy Yi Zhenmei,  
Martyrs, 1856, 1858, and 1862  
20 Frederick Douglass, Social Reformer, 1895

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### February 14, 2021 – Last Sunday in Epiphany (6B)

#### 2 Kings 2:1-12

Elisha and the company of prophets knew the great prophet Elijah would leave them, that God would take him away soon. Elijah himself could sense he would soon leave this earth, and he asks Elisha what he can do for Elisha. Elisha asks Elijah for a portion of his spirit, like an inheritance for a firstborn. Elisha has been with him for some time now and sees him as a father; Elisha vows not to leave Elijah's side when Elijah tells Elisha to stay behind. He knew Elijah's time was coming to an end and wanted to be with Elijah as much as possible.

After Elijah ascends, Elisha takes up Elijah's mantle (the mantle being the symbol of prophetic power), the origin of this common phrase. Elijah knows Elisha is to be his successor, yet, in his faith, he leaves that fate in the hands of God.

Elisha sees Elijah ascend into heaven; Elisha mourns and tears his clothes. Following this passage, we see the grief Elisha experiences in mourning leads him to cry out and ask where the Lord, the God of Elijah, is. God seems to respond by parting the waters as Elisha strikes them, and this exhibits the connection between Elijah and Elisha. They are so intimately connected, Elisha performs some of the same miracles Elijah did.

- What mantles have you taken up? What spiritual authority have you received from your mentors?
- What gifts do we leave behind for those who learn from us and look up to us?
- What spiritual inheritances have you received? From whom did you receive them?

## **Psalm 50:1-6**

In this opening of Psalm 50, God reveals Godself and God's glory is not strictly silent. God speaks and the earth is, the rising and the setting of the sun is. This psalm evokes creation by echoing God's calling of the earth and heavens and sun, and this psalm also evokes the Day of Judgment.

The description of God and God's acts here are different from other revelations of God seen in the Scriptures, like when God revealed Godself to Elijah. Elijah sees God's back and God is in the sound, or the voice, of sheer silence (1 Kings 19:12). The contrast is one reminder that God's revelation - and Godself - is not limited.

- What glory do you experience in "silence"?
- What silence is found in the forces of nature?
- What images and forces come to mind when you think about God?

## **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Paul's second letter to the Corinthians contains some responses to Paul's critics who felt he was being crafty or cunning in order to withhold the Gospel or parts of it. In this passage from 2 Corinthians, Paul explains that it is not he who is hiding the Gospel, but the powers of this world. Paul explains that when one turns to Christ, the blinding veil is removed. The base assumption for Paul is that the Gospel is not veiled – the Gospel is unveiled and a light shining through darkness. Christ removes the veil that the powers of this world pull over our eyes and we see the light that God has made shine in darkness.

At the Epiphany and the season that follows, we look at the ways God has made light shine in our world with our passages about Jesus' works in the world. As we come to the end of this season, after the realization that God has made light shine into our world, how do we carry this light through changing seasons in our life (*i.e.*, Lent)? In what ways has God made light shine in our hearts?

- As messengers of the Gospel, in what ways do we carry God's unveiled light for all, even our critics, to see?

## **Mark 9:2-9**

In this scene, Jesus is talking with Elijah and Moses. Yet, there are no recorded words of this conversation. In this moment of God's glory revealed in the Transfiguration of Christ Jesus, as the disciples stood stunned and as Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, there is silence.

Peter, James, and John had been with Jesus for some time now and witnessed his many works, like walking on water. Yet, at the Transfiguration, they were still shocked to see Jesus' divinity revealed in glory. Silence may unsettle us. And, like Peter, we may start talking simply to fill the air because we are uncomfortable in silence. Still, even in confusion and fear and trembling and silence, light shines and God speaks. We may not fully comprehend why we are there at that moment, why we have the privilege to be on the mountaintop to witness a revelation, but as disciples, we may be called simply to listen.

- What about silence unsettles? What prompts you to fill a void seen in silence?
- Think about the times you have caught glimpses of God's glory and your reaction.

- Think about the light you have witnessed and received from God and from spiritual mentors. How you will carry that light in a world where many are blinded by a veil of the powers of this world?

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### **Our Mission:**

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ,  
and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world,  
guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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