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## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 14, 2021



### Morning Prayer

*Officiant*

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*

*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and 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.**

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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 Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

*Officiant and People*

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.**

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**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.**

*Officiant and People*

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 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* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Canticle 13 – Benedictus es, Domine**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

### **A Reading from 2 Corinthians** (4:3-6)

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

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

### **Canticle 16 – The Song of Zechariah**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
**Free to worship him without fear, holy and  
righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the  
Most High, for you will go before the Lord to  
prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn  
from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and  
the shadow of death, and to guide our feet  
into the way of peace.**

*Officiant and People*

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.**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to Mark** (9:2-9)

**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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*Silence for reflection*

Caitlin Dawes

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

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.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**Our father in heaven**

**hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day 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. Save your people, Lord, and bless your  
inheritance;

R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

*Officiant*

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.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Leader*

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servant hood. We pray especially for Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, Gregory our bishop, for priests, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Anglican Communion, especially for the Dioceses of Saint Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane - (Scotland), Anglican Missionary District - (Brazil), Angola - (Southern Africa), Ankole - (Uganda), North Ankole - (Uganda), Northwest Ankole - (Uganda), and The Anglican Church of Canada; our diocese, especially St. James, Cathlamet; St. Timothy, Chehalis; and our parish, especially for our Pecan Pie Buddy Group: Kathy Stewart; Jim & Jackie Whorton; Lynn & Dave Dobbins; Liz Franz and Nancy Newkirk; Lee Holland; Matt, Adrienne, Mason, Charlie, and Poppy Williams, Jessica, Rebekah, Asher, and Joanna Birch; Arti, Holly, Coco, and Xana Beimler.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all the leaders and people of the world, especially Joseph our President, Kamala our Vice President, our congress and our courts, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression. We pray for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially for those we now name....

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the hungry in body, mind or spirit, that they may be nourished by your presence and truth.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that your healing grace may shine forth in the shadows of this world. We pray for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Paulette, Rico, Steven, David, Hollie, Christine, Theresa, Beth, Saray, Julianne, Jessica, Antonette, Ryan, Jackie, Bill & Paula, Janis, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Deb, Mike, Elizabeth, Milana, Alisande, Jenny, Peggy, Gordon, Debbie, Arne, Kay, Ben & Hank, Kathleen, Hope, Jackie, Elianny, Adina, Jay, Trevor, and for all who suffer from COVID 19, their families, and friends, and for those we now name....

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the gifts of joy and love, that we may bear witness to the manifestations of your glory. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name...

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died and now abide in Christ's presence, remembering especially Jerry Toohey and those we now name...

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Officiant*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

*After the Offering is collected and placed upon the altar, the following is sung*

### **Song of Praise Hymn #380 vs. 3** *Doxology*

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.

### **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.**

### **The Blessing**

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.*

### **St. Matthew Mission Statement**

**To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.**

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

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