

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am

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The Word of God

The Prelude

Hail, thou ever blessed Morn

arr. Malcolm Archer

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Truro

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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 forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the First book of Samuel (3:1-10)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17 *(Prayed antiphonally by whole verse, alternating between East and West)*

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**14 My body was not hidden from you, *
 while I was being made in secret
 and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
 all of them were written in your book; *
 they were fashioned day by day,
 when as yet there was none of them.

**16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
 how great is the sum of them!**

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
 to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (6:12-20)

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

The Sequence Hymn 529 In Christ there is no East or West

McKee

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 1:43-51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Please stand as you are able for the creed; you may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People

In the light of this season, we bring our prayers before God.

For the Holy Church of God throughout the world, that we may be witnesses of Christ's Gospel of love to all people.

Enlighten the Church, O God.

For Alan and Carol, our bishops, and for all who minister in and from the church, that they may proclaim with zeal and pastor with tenderness. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we remember Emmanuel Church and St. Augustine's & St. Martin's Church, Boston; Charles River Episcopal Co-Housing Endeavor; The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization. In our parish cycle of prayer we pray for our Outreach committee.

Enlighten our Ministers, O God.

For Joseph, our President, and Maura, our Governor; that they and all persons in public authority may be people of trust and serve the common good.

Enlighten our State, O God.

For ourselves, that we may take to heart the plight of those of us who are poor, those of us who are homeless and destitute, and all who suffer due to human greed.

Enlighten our Conscience, O God.

For those who live in fear for their lives, their families, and their homes, that their prayers for relief may be heard and their lives of dignity restored.

Enlighten our World, O God.

For those among us who are sick and infirm, especially The Rev. David Angelica, Elizabeth Beattie, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Mary Isner, John Kelsey, Ed Mason, Jennifer Peters, Joan Payne, Joan Proctor, Helen Richardson, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Linda Staab, John Sterne, Carole and Ed, and those we now name silently or aloud, that they may be delivered from their pain and distress and restored to wholeness of life.

We name silently or aloud those for whom we pray.

Enlighten our Darkness, O God.

For those who have died and for those we now name, that they may know God's peace and perfect freedom in a kingdom that is forever.

We name silently or aloud those who have died.

Enlighten our Hopes, O God.

That God's light may shine in the hearts of all people, that our hearts may be turned to one another, and that your name may be glorified not only with our lips but in our lives.

Enlighten our Hearts, O God.

As you were manifested in a stable stall, as you were manifested in a miracle of water and of wine, as you were manifested in the radiance of the transfiguration,

Enlighten our Lives and be manifested to the world through us.

The Concluding Collect

Almighty and Everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

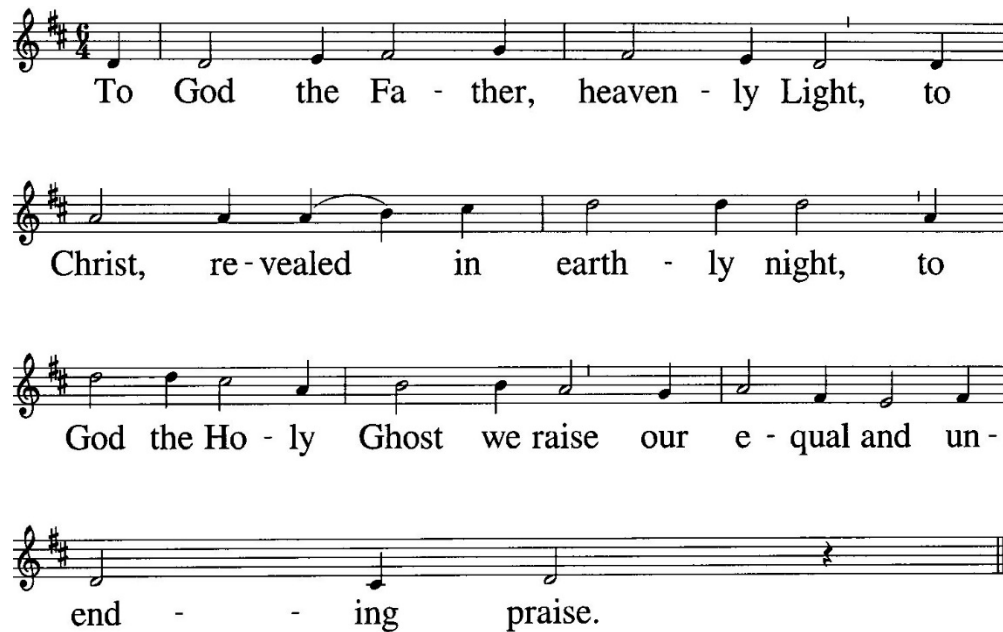
Let us Light a Candle in the Darkness

Richard Shephard

In a world where people walk in darkness let us turn our faces to the light,
To the light of God revealed in Jesus, to the Daystar scattering our night.
For the light is stronger than the darkness, and the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us, let us turn our faces to the light.
In a world where suffering of the helpless casts a shadow all along the way,
Let us bear the cross of Christ with gladness and proclaim the dawning of the day.
For the light is stronger than the darkness, and the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us, let us turn our faces to the light.
Let us light a candle in the darkness, in the face of death, a sign of life.
As a sign of hope where all seems hopeless, as a sign of peace in place of strife.
For the light is stronger than the darkness, and the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us, let us turn our faces to the light.

Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.

Hymn 124



Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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:

Sanctus S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You may remain standing, sit or kneel for the continuation of the Eucharistic prayer.

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,

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymn S-155

Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Awaiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please make your needs known to the person serving you.

The Communion Hymn

WLP 756 Lead me, Guide me, along the way

Doris Akers

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. **Fine**

Please stand as you are able.

The Communion Anthem *Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year* Alfred Fedak

Now greet the swiftly changing year with joy and penitence sincere.
Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace.
Christ's love abundant far exceeds the volume of a whole year's needs:
Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace.
With such a God to lead our way in hazard and prosperity,
What need we fear in earth or space in this new year of grace.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

The Sending (*when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits*)

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

The Epiphany Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the River Jordan, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 603 When Christ was lifted from the earth *St. Botolph*

The Dismissal *Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *How Brightly Shines the Morningstar* arr. Max Drischner

Celebrant and Preacher

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Joan Kirchner

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Readers

Cynthia Murray, Jean Collins, Jean Strella

Ushers

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