

# The Last Sunday after Epiphany

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (EPISCOPAL)**

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# The Word of God

## The Prelude

*O Wondrous Type*

arr. Healey Willan

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

## The Opening Hymn 137 O wondrous type

*Wareham*

*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

*People* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated for the scripture appointed.*

## The Lessons

### A reading from the second book of Kings (2:1-12)

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.

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

**Psalm 50:1-6**   *(Prayed antiphonally by whole verse, alternating between East and West)*

- 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.**

**A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the 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.

                                  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 129 Christ upon the mountain peak

Momsley

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

### 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.

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 Michael, our presiding bishop, and 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 Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; The Crossing; MANNA Community; The Cathedral Chapter; Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry; Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for our Sustainability 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 regions of our world torn apart by war or natural disasters, and 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 Elizabeth Beattie, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Mary Isner, Carolyn Lawrence, Jennifer Peters, Joan Payne, Joan Proctor, Helen Richardson, Henry Shepherd, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Linda Staab, John Sterne, Carole 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, including Ed Mason 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 Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

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. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **The Peace**

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

### **The Greeting and Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

*Jesus, Son of Life*

G.F. Handel

Jesus, sun of Life, my splendor,  
Jesus, thou my friend most tender.  
Jesus, joy of my desiring, fount of life, my soul inspiring.  
At thy feet I cry, my maker, let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, thy glory, given.  
Jesus, bread of life, I pray thee let me gladly here obey thee.  
By thy love I am invited; be thy love with love requited.  
From this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heaven receive me.

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

Hymn 124



To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to  
Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night, to  
God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our e - qual and un -  
end - - ing praise.

*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, 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 Christ.

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

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 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 Hymns**

**Hymn 133 O Light of Light**

*Elmburst*

**Hymn LEVAS 174 Let the heav'n light shine on me**

Roland M. Carter

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **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** 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

*Salzburg*

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

**The Postlude**

*Pavilioned in Splendor*

Richard Lloyd

*Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

*Music Director*

Joan Kirchner

*Eucharistic Ministers*

Kate Paradise, Meg Nemitz

*Readers*

Sarah Gregory, Rich Gregory, John Harter

*Usbers*

Phil Suraci, Brian Skea

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