

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

10:30 a.m., Sunday, February 14, 2021
Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Morning Prayer: Rite Two



PRELUDE

Pavanne

Robert Elmore

OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 76)

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 79)

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us pray in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.

The Priest alone says

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.*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your 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.

ANTIPHON (BCP p. 81)

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

INVITATORY (BCP p. 82)

*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 (BCP p. 654)

*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.

*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 LESSONS

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

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.***

FIRST CANTICLE (EOW) A Song of Faith *1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-21*

***Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;***

***Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.***

***The ransom that was paid to free us *
was not paid in silver or gold,***

*But in the precious blood of Christ, *
the Lamb without spot or stain.*

*God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.*

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

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.***

SECOND CANTICLE (EOW) A Song of God's Love 1 John 4:7-11

*Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.*

*Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.*

*In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ.*

*In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.*

*Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.*

*For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.*

THIRD READING: Mark 9:2-9

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by SUSAN HIRES

MUSICAL OFFERING “Out of the Orient Crystal Skies” Richard Zgodava
Trinity Choir, directed by Doug Lawrence

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (BCP p. 96)

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

SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)

Officiant and People

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, forever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. *And grant us your salvation.*

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. *Let your people sing with joy.*

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

R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

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

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. *Your 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 your Holy Spirit.*

FIRST COLLECT (BCP p. 217)

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.*

SECOND COLLECT (BCP p. 98)

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.*

THIRD COLLECT (BCP p. 100)

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.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the people of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Bethany House and Garden

Pray for those who need healing: D.J., Sigrid, Eleanor, Nancy, Gretchen, Kim, Melinda, Gracia, Lisa, Cal, Steven, Pam, Kimberly, Jennifer, Bill, Alan, Jeni, Melinda, Pamela, Robert, Bill, Phillip

Pray for those needing strength and guidance: Phil, the Van Schmus family, Brian, Melinda, Jennifer, Janice & family, the Domer family, Elaine, Kent, Steven, Jeanne, Phil, Peggy, the Blome family, Judy

Pray for those in the hospital: Michelle

Pray for the departed: Brian Van Schmus, John McCoyne, Paul Kinkaid, Bill James, Shirley Domer, Donna DeuPree

BIRTHDAY PRAYER (“For a Birthday,” BCP p. 830)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s), as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (“Anniversary of a Marriage,” BOS p. 164)

Grant, O God, in your compassion, that these two people, having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again the covenant which they have made, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY OF A BAPTISM (“Renew their Baptismal Covenant,” BCP p. 819)

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your servants ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101)

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.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (BCP p. 102)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)

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*

Congregational Hymn #7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

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POSTLUDE

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