

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE LAST SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

We welcome you to this time of worship. We are glad to have you join us online.

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10:00 AM

THE ANTE-COMMUNION, RITE II

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-360

***O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*, Arr. Cindy Berry**

Prelude

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Welcome

Warren Klug

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.*

Gloria In Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The 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.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Second Book of the Kings (2 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

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

A Reading from the Book of Psalms (50:1-6)

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.**

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

**He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.**

"Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

**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. (Please be seated.)

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (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.***

The Gospel

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

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Homily

Peter Munson

A period of silence will be kept.

The Nicene Creed, (Please stand)

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Welcome / Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Prayers / Travel Prayers

Offertory Music

Jesus, Lover of My Soul, Arr. Heather Sorenson

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The Prayers of the People (Form II)

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Kym Lucas; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

In silence or aloud, let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others. (pause)

Let us pray for our families and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.

We pray for Marsha, Diana, Peter and Julia Munson, Catherine, Don, Jessica & Philip, George Baker, Margo & Keith Gardner, and Bobbi Ann. We pray for Jamie Lawrence, Roger, Joann all, Heta & Hubert, Maude Jernagan, Tony, Brad Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, and little Otto. We pray for all who serve this great nation in uniform in nearby and far-off places. We pray for the young people and students of Aspen.

A prayer for healing.

We pray for all the people around the world, in our country and in our own community, who have been affected by the corona virus pandemic. God, you know what we need as the virus rages. You are the great physician, the great healer; and we ask for your help as we combat this terrible virus. We pray for those who are sick, and we pray for healing. We pray for those who have died, and we pray for families who grieve. We pray for health care workers, and those who minister to people who are afflicted. We pray that vaccines will be available and administered quickly, here in Aspen and around the world. We pray for healing, health, and safe keeping -- to you, Lord Jesus.

For the Unity of the Church

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism and one God and Father of us all. May we with one mind and one voice glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray for our nation

We lift up this prayer for our nation, that divisions may be healed and there may be respect for all people. We pray for our President, for Colorado's Governor and for our local elected officials. We pray for right decisions and for those in need everywhere.

Let us pray for Christ Church

Oh Lord, we pray for your continued blessing on Christ Church and all who are part of the ministries of this place. We pray for Peter, our Interim Rector, and for the leadership of Christ Church. We ask for your guidance, Lord, as we pursue our rector search. We know you have a plan for Christ Church, and we ask that you make your will known. Be with us we pray. We lift up our prayers of praise, worship and thanksgiving in Jesus' name. Amen

Please stand

Presider: 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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Presider: Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining with members of Christ Church, Aspen in this time of worship. Have a blessed week.

Postlude

Love Lifted Me, Arr. Joel Raney

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