

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (YEAR B)



15 February 2015

11 A.M. Mass

Prelude

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

BCP 355

The People respond **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Glory to God

Hymnal S 280

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

A Reading from the Second Book of 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 dis-

tance 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.

Psalm 50.1-6 *Deus deorum*

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. **Thanks be to God.**

God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs

Hymnal 359

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.**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin of Canterbury, Katherine our presiding bishop, Holly our own bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Betty Ann, Clare, Edmund, Sandra, Paul, Alan, Marvin, Sandy, Ron, Roland, Barbara, Jim, Grayson, Leslie, Rosemary, Landon, Danny, Tim *Silence*

For those serving in the Armed Forces:
Geoffrey, Michael, James, Megan, Katie *Silence*

For our rector, vestry, parish, and Cindy Barnes as together we seek God's healing and renewal of our ministries we exercise to the glory of God and the welfare of all people.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

For those celebrating birthdays (Mary Grace Heying, Burt Scearce *Silence*) and anniversaries (*Silence*)

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Announcements, Offertory Sentence, Choir Anthem, and Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

as announced

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 129

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation: All are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's Table.

Bread of the world, in mercy broken

Hymnal 301

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymnal 324

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son
our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Thanks be to God

Christ is the world's true light

Hymnal 542

Postlude

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***The flowers on the altar are given
by Ruth and Langhorne Jones
to the glory of God.***

Sunday School for Children of all Ages. After the service in the Sunday School room.

***Lectio Divina* prayer group** will meet in the parish hall on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will begin at 6 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services will be at 12 noon and 7 p.m. (ecumenical).

Stations of the Cross will be at 6 p.m. on Fridays in Lent, except for Holy Week.

Wednesdays in Lent, beginning 25 February. 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Chatham Baptist. Please let Susan Paynter know by Monday noon if you plan to eat dinner on Wednesday. Meals are catered, so an exact number is needed.



Subdeacons:

Carol Ann Fletcher, Cara Kinsey

Readers:

Kathy Nelson Coward, Dorothy Diggs

Prayers:

John Geyer

Ushers:

Walter Coles, Cy Kramer

Coffee Hour:

Mary Hicks Heitzler, Martha Jane Rush, John Geyer

Altar:

Beth Coles, Rosemary Nichols

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