

# Morning Prayer Rite II February 14th 2021

## Last Sunday after the Epiphany

*Officiant*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

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 be in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

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.

*Officiant*

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

*Officiant*                    Lord, open our lips.  
*People*                        And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

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. Alleluia.

### **Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

*Officiant and People*

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
  serve the Lord with gladness  
  and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
  he himself has made us, and we are his;  
  we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
  give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
  and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

### **The Psalm Appointed**

Psalm 50:1-6    *Deus deorum*

*Officiant and People*

- 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

### A reading from 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.

*Answer*           The word of the Lord.  
                          Thanks be to God.

## Canticle G      A Song of Ezekiel

*Ezekiel 36:24-28*

*Officiant and People*

I will take you from among all nations; \*  
 and gather you from all lands to bring you home.  
 I will sprinkle clean water upon you; \*  
 and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.  
 A new heart I will give you \*  
 and a new spirit put within you.  
 I will take the stone heart from your chest \*  
 and give you a heart of flesh.  
 I will help you walk in my laws \*  
 and cherish my commandments and do them.  
 You shall be my people, \*  
 and I will be your God.

### A Reading from 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.

*Answer*                      The word of the Lord.  
    Thanks be to God.

## Canticle 17      The Song of Simeon      *Nunc dimittis*

*Luke 2:29-32*

*Officiant and People*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
 to go in peace as you have promised;  
 For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
 whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
 A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
 and the glory of your people Israel.  
 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.

### **A Reading from the Gospel of 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.

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

### **Sermon**

#### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People*

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

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        And also with you.

*Officiant*     Let us pray.

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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

*Officiant*

*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.*

*A Collect for Sundays*

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.*

*A Collect for Mission*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayers, and thanksgivings may now be offered.*

*Officiant*

O God, in our global distress we pray earnestly to you.

God our Sanctuary,  
gather us when separated into your presence.

God our Physician,  
heal those who have contracted the virus.

God our Comforter,  
embrace all who mourn the dead.

God our Homeland,  
mother all who are quarantined.

God our Friend,  
accompany all who are alone or afraid.

God our Guardian,  
protect physicians and nurses.

God our Hope,  
assist all who are distributing the vaccine.

God our Mighty Fortress,  
preserve our societies from devastation.

God our Governor,  
guide the leaders of nations toward wise policies.

God of Everlasting Arms,  
in you we live and move and have our being.

God our Creator,  
make once again a world of sabbath rest.

God our Savior,  
redeem the suffering world by your cross.

God our Light,  
shine your radiant peace into our darkness.

O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve us. Amen.



*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People*

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.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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*