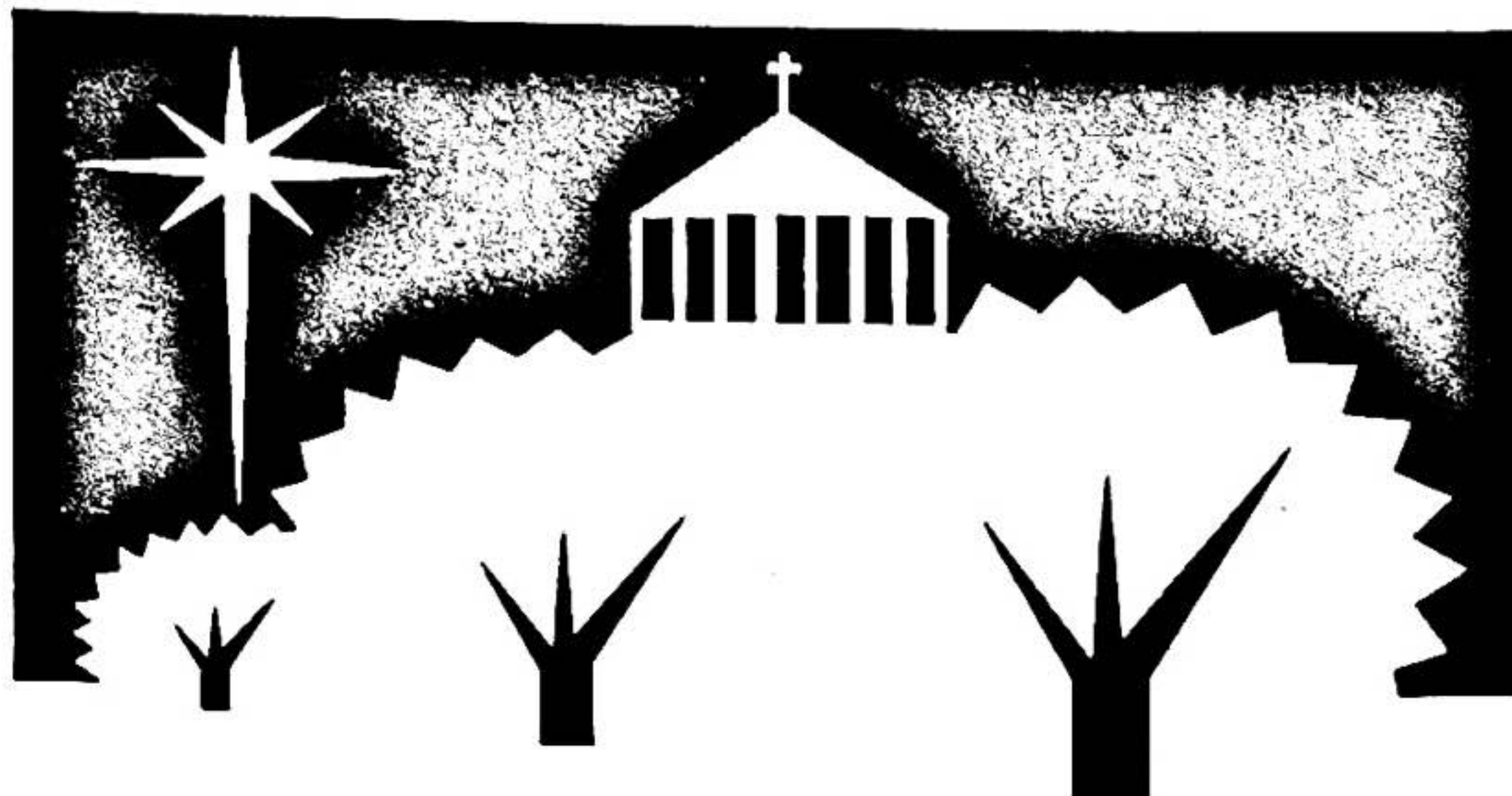


# **The Church of the Epiphany**



## **The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 am

October 31, 2021

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# Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*If this is your first time with us, welcome! We kindly request that you please wear a mask while in the building. Please be mindful of where people are seated and consider sitting with a more even distribution throughout the pews. Thank you for doing your part in keeping the church safe.*

Prelude: Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem . . . . . C.S. Lang

## The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Gloria

Prayer Book 356

The Collect of the Day

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*Please be seated for the readings*

The First Lesson

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalms

Psalms 146

The Epistle

Hebrews 9:11-14

*Please stand if you are able*

The Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

*Please be seated*

The Sermon

Father Andrew Reinholz

*Please stand as you are able*

The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book 358





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## COLLECT

October 31, 2021

*Traditional*

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may run without stumbling to obtain thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING: Ruth 1:1-18

IN THE DAYS when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.



## Refrain

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

### Psalm 146 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \* I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \* for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \* and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \* whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \* who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \* the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \* he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:11-14

WHEN CHRIST CAME as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

### GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34

ONE OF THE SCRIBES came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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Prayers of the People Form IV

Prayer Book 388

*Please kneel as you are able*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Prayer Book 360

*Please stand as you are able*

The Peace

Prayer Book 360

*During this time, share as you, and others, are comfortable*

Announcements

## **The Holy Communion**

Prayer Book 361 Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord (said by all) Prayer Book 362

*The people stand or kneel*

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book 364

*The bread will be distributed from the bottom of the altar steps. Please follow the usher's guidance. All baptized Christians are invited to receive. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward, or are joining the service virtually, you may use this prayer for spiritual communion:*

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*



Communion Anthem

Postcommunion Prayer

Prayer Book 365

A Blessing

*We ask that you please wear a mask if you wish to join in the singing*

Recessional Hymn 551 Rise up, ye saints of God!

Dismissal

Postlude

The Rev. Andrew Reinholz, Rector  
Mrs. Anita Williams, Music Director  
Mrs. Lucy Whitlock, Parish Administrator  
Mr. Timon Kenyi, Sexton

## **The Vestry**

Carol Cullinan, Senior Warden  
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Marty Shephard, Treasurer  
Gray Corbett, Register  
Dwight Ludwig, Becky Card, Cory Isemann,  
Stacy Mitchell, John Sarvay, John Norris