The Last Sunday After Epiphany The Transfiguration Holy Eucharist: Rite II February 14, 2021 at 10:00am



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The Word of God

Prelude

OPENING HYMN Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hymn 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea. Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own: Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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*.

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THE GLORIA (sung)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

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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*.

FIRST LESSON: 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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-6 (read responsively)

- 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.

SECOND LESSON: 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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 9-2-9

Celebrant 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.

PeopleThe Gospel of the Lord.Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. MATT MACDOUGALL

THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand*)

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- 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. (pause)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV (kneeling)

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Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We lift up Trinity, Tyrone and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Province of Kenya. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; we pray for Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor, we pray also for all those serving in the armed forces; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Geta, Larry Carroll, Emily Lavender, Marita Houston, Dianne Skilling, Kerry Cater, Max Allen, Chase, Tom Hemler, Dominique and Sarene, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died; especially Heather Metz-Weaver, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

At this time, we invite your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Celebrant 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.*

THE PEACE (take a moment to send someone a text, an email, or post on social media!) BCP 360

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving the Holy Eucharist.

Officiant and People

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE CLOSING HYMN Ye watchers and ye holy ones

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GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Instrumental



The flowers on the altar are given in thanksgiving of The Rev. Matt MacDougall's 11th ordination anniversary.

YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES



UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

9:00 a.m.	Children's Church (Zoom)
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour (<i>Zoom</i>)
11:00 a.m.	Executive Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
5:00 p.m.	VH Dance (Auditorium)
6:00 p.m.	Pancake Supper Drive-Thru

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

12:00 p.m.	Noon Day Prayer (Facebook)
7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service (You Tube)

Thursday, February 18

2:30 p.m.Food Pantry7:00 p.m.Handbell Practice (Auditorium)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 a.m. Community Breakfast

Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday - 6:00-7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)

NA: Monday and Wednesday - 12:00 Noon (All Purpose Room)

FOOD PANTRY - Thank you for your support of our food pantry ministry. Your donations allow us to feed so many neighbors struggling to make ends meet during this difficult time. We are currently in need of toiletries; pasta sauce; and canned goods: soup, chicken, tuna, vegetables, and fruit. (Please leave items on the back porch of Becker House).

BOOK CLUB GATHERING - Diocesan Migration Ministry Resources will host a series of Zoom gatherings for readers of the book '*HOW DARE THE SUN RISE*' by Sandra Uwiringiyimana. Her moving memoir describes surviving a tribal massacre, living in a Rwandan refugee camp, immigrating to America, and overcoming trauma through art and activism. The Zoom gatherings (one hour) will occur on four consecutive Monday evenings at 7PM beginning on March 15th. Purchase the book now and begin reading this extraordinary story from a young person's perspective. Registration details will follow in February.

AUCTION



Collection: Now - Feb 14th

We are in search of items for our auction. We can't sell alcohol or guns. We are hoping for items that you suspect would bring at least \$20, though we would gladly accept items you believe would bring more. Please contact Leslie Morgan or Nicole Pham with questions.

Provide Descriptions

If you have any specific information about the item, please attach a Post-it note with the information.

Bring items to church!

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The Soul's Journey by Kathrin Burleson

"The Stations of the Cross invite us to enter the drama, to let ourselves be transformed by the story and to make it our own, and to continue along the soul's journey that shapes each of our lives."

LENTEN ADULT FORUM EVERY SUNDAY IN LENT AT 11:30AM ON ZOOM



Shrove Tuesday drive thru Pancake Dinner

You are invited to a drive thru take pancake supper at St. John's!

Tuesday February 16th from 6-7pm.

Meals include 3 pancakes, 2 sausage, applesauce, butter & syrup.

Payment by donation at pick up, money benefits the St. John's youth.

Pick up on Concord St. behind the Parish House at St. Johns.

Pre-orders are highly recommended at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2TW072qhKI4m87nAikFhxC9FC 5WH7FNeY9X6TMUXDKtCuuA/viewform.

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