



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 11, 2024, AT 9 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Please keep a prayerful quiet as we prepare for worship.

*The People's responses are printed in **bold**.*

This liturgy is derived from Year W, for which the lectionary and its translation are the work of Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney. See the liturgical note for more information.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Dialogue, from *Suite for Organ and Violin*
Peter Clamp, violin

Ruth Watson Henderson
(b. 1932)

Introit

Grace and Peace
The Genesis Ringers

Bob Burroughs (b. 1937)

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

For the beauty of the earth

Dix



For the_ beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
For the_ won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
For the_ joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
For the_ joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
For each_ per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the_ love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies;
hill and_ vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the_ mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on_ earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

—Text: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835–1917), *alt.*

Melody: Conrad Kocher (1786–1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Mother, Sufferer, and Advocate.

And blessed be her reign, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Sentences

Hear the word of God: As an eagle stirs upon her nest, and hovers over her young, as she spreads her wings, takes them up, and bears them aloft on her pinions, God alone guides us.

—Deuteronomy 32:11-12, adapted

Kyrie

From *The Mass of St. Augustine*

Leon Roberts (1950–1999)

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy, on us.
Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,
Christ have mer - cy, on us.
Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy, have mer - cy, on us.

Collect of the Day

God 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.**

Reading *seated* 2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow sophisticated mythologies when we made known to you all the power and coming of our Redeemer Jesus Christ, rather we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For Christ from God the Sovereign received honor and glory, a voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." And we ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. Thus we have a sure prophetic word; you would do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a shadowy place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First this you must understand, that of all written prophecy, none is a matter of individual interpretation. For not by human will ever came any prophecy, rather women and men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 102:16-21

Rawn Harbor (b. 1947)

The People sing the antiphon after it has been introduced by the choir, and where indicated in the text.

God, send out your spir - it!_____ God, send out your spir - it!_____

God, send out your spir - it! And re - new the face of the earth.

For the COMPASSIONATE ONE will build up Zion;
she will appear in her glory.

She will regard the prayer of the destitute,
and will not despise their prayer.

Let this be engraved for a generation to come,
so that a people yet unborn may praise the WISDOM OF THE AGES: *Antiphon*

that she looked down from her holy height,
from heaven the CREATOR OF ALL beheld the earth,

to hear the groaning of the prisoner,
to set free those who were condemned to die;

so that the Name of the HOLY GOD may be recounted in Zion,
and her praise in Jerusalem. *Antiphon*

Gospel Alleluia *standing as you are able* From *The Mass of St. Augustine*

Leon Roberts

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Mark 9:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

And he said to them, [the crowd,] "Truly I tell you all, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the majesty of God come in power."

Six days later later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother and brought them up a high mountain by themselves, alone. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes began shining, becoming exceedingly white, such as no cloth refiner on earth could bleach them. And then Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; we will pitch three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say because 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 no longer saw no one with them, but only Jesus himself.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them so that they would tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Woman had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean. And they asked him,

“Why do the biblical scholars say that Elijah must come first?” Thus Jesus said to them, “Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things. Now, how then is it written about the Son of Woman, that through many sufferings he is to go and be treated with contempt? Yet I tell you all that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, just as it is written about him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All repeat the sung Alleluia.

Scripture Illumination The Rev. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D., the Rev. Mitchell Felton, and Ruby Daniel

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

Creed *standing as you are able*

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Mother, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God: Mother, Sufferer, and Advocate. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor She who speaks life brought the world to being and entrusted it to our care. Creating God, guide the universal church in knowledge and love of you, remind us to care for the fullness of your creation, assist us in supporting the flourishing of your people around the world. Ever living God, **hear our prayer.**

She who is exalted is the ruler of all and the lover of justice. Mighty God, lead those in authority toward justice, freedom, and peace; orient our individual pursuits of justice toward you and your kin-dom. Ever living God, **hear our prayer.**

She who provides and saves will never stop caring for her people. Loving God, be present with our community; offer your healing and mercy to . . . and to those we name aloud or in our hearts . . . Ever living God, **hear our prayer.**

She who is faithful has offered us many great gifts. Generous God, we praise you with gratitude and thanksgiving for . . . and for the blessings we name aloud or in our hearts . . . Ever living God, **hear our prayer.**

She who is eternal grants us everlasting life in her glory. Heavenly God, mercifully accept your servants who have died into your house. We pray especially for . . . and for the departed we name aloud or in our hearts . . . Ever living God, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty and merciful God, we lift our prayers to you. Respond in your loving kindness, and strengthen us to do your will. In your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *standing or kneeling as you are able*

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace *The Presider says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

Anthem

A Jubilant Song

Victor C. Johnson (b. 1978)

The Children's, Gallery, and Celtic Choirs

Cantate Domino canticum novum. (Sing to God a new song.)

Lift up your voice in jubilant song! *Cantate Domino canticum novum.*

Lift up your voice, sing and rejoice, alleluia! *Cantate Domino!*

O let your heart sing a jubilant new song, and let your spirit be glad!

Come let us sing a joyful song of praise. Alleluia, alleluia!

—Text: Traditional Latin and Victor C. Johnson

Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.

The Great Thanksgiving

God is here.

Her Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them unto God.

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things, and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath

and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus *sung by all*

Holy, holy, holy

Leon Roberts



How wonderful is the work of your hands, O God. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled, your gaze remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus to be our Savior, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends, and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave thanks, and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his life, death, and resurrection, we present to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them that they may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son, holy food and drink of new and unending life. Form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you on earth and in heaven, we worship you in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Fraction Anthem

From *Eucharist of the Soul*

Lena McLin (b. 1955)

The musical score for 'Fraction Anthem' is written in G major (one flat) and common time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The score includes a triplet of eighth notes in the third staff and a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer for Healing

Prayers for Healing (the Healing Rite) are offered in St. Aiden's Chapel during Communion at the 9 and 11:15 am liturgies on the second Sunday of the month. Prayers for yourself or another are welcome. Enter the chapel through the door under the balcony to the right of the altar, or visit the station at the back of the nave.

Anthem

We the Lord's people Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921–2003)
The Gallery Choir

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting,
praise him who called us out of sin and darkness
into his own light, that he might anoint us a royal priesthood.

This is the Lord's house, home of all his people,
school for the faithful, refuge for the sinner,
rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary; all find a welcome.

This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making,
day of creation, day of resurrection,
day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet, day for rejoicing.

In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered,
that Christ may take them, bless them, break, and give them
to all his people, his own life imparting, food everlasting.

—Text: John E. Bowers (1923–2019)

Hymn 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome, and for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for others who hunger and thirst for good news. Amen.

Presider As we are gathered, fed, and sent by God, let us ask ourselves: With whom can I share the Good News? Whom will I invite to join us at this table?

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

The People respond Amen.

Hymn

Alleluia, song of gladness

Sicilian Mariners



Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that -
Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, true Je - ru - sa -
Al - le - lu - ia, though we cher - ish and would chant for -
There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless - ed -
can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful mo - ther,
ev - er - more al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing,
Trin - i - ty, at the last to keep thine Eas - ter,
ev - er raised by choirs on high; in the house of
all thy chil - dren sing with thee; but by Bab - y -
let us for a while give o'er; as our Sa - vior
with thy faith - ful saints on high; there to thee for
God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
in his fast - ing plea - sures of the world for - bore.
ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

— Text: Latin, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.

Dismissal

The People respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Dance-rondo

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Land Acknowledgement—We give thanks that we meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who had been its custodians for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging.

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