



St. Paul's Cathedral ✠ Burlington, Vermont

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany ✠ January 17, 2021

- ✠ *During this service the People respond using words printed in **bold face**.*
- ✠ *In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.*
- ✠ *Before the service, the Presider may make announcements, after which stillness is kept.*
- ✠ *A brief voluntary is played on the organ.*

Opening Rite

We sing hymn 7 in The Hymnal 1982 on the next page: Please sing boldly at home.

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words Charles Wesley (1707-1788) • Music RATISBON, from *Geystliche Gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524, arr. W.H. Havergal (1793-1870)

The Presider says,

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
 And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

We join in singing the ancient hymn Gloria in excelsis:

1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting David J. Hurd (b. 1950), from *New Plainsong*

The Presider says the Collect of the Day, first saying,

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Word of God

We hear a reading from the Hebrew Bible:

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

We hear a reading from the Gospels.

A reading from John.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

John 1:43-51

Here ends the reading.

Sermon *The Preacher breaks the bread of God's word.*

After a brief time of stillness, we affirm our faith. Please join in at home.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

The Prayers

In the time of stillness after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, silently, aloud, or using Zoom's chat feature.

The Deacon says,

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Shannon;
for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____],

Pray for those who have died.

Stillness

I ask your thanksgivings for friends and family, [especially _____]

Pray in gratitude for all of God's blessings.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for _____

The Deacon gives voice to petitions from the Zoom chat box

Pray for the needs and hopes of this community.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Stillness

The Presider adds a concluding Collect

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Stillness is kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Presider says,

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.

We join in saying the Lord's Prayer:

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.

We join in singing hymn 657 in The Hymnal 1982. Please sing boldly at home.

I Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find our promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of life as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Presider blesses the People:

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Presider dismisses us, saying

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

A short voluntary is played. Coffee hour follows immediately.

+ + +

Presider Greta Getlein  *Deacon* Stan Baker  *Cantor & Organist* Mark Howe  *Reader* Emiry Potter

Gloria in excelsis, from *New Plainsong*, copyright © 1981 G.I.A. Publications, Chicago, Ill. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-700286.