



St. Paul's Cathedral ✠ Burlington, Vermont

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany ✠ February 14, 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 short instrumental voluntary is played.*

Opening Rite

We sing hymn 135 in The Hymnal 1982, on the next page. Please sing boldly at home.

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
 Music SALZBURG, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our pray'r. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 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 Herbert J. Austin, 1978

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

The Lord 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.**

The Word of God

We hear a reading from the Hebrew Bible:

A reading from the Second Book of the Kings.

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.

2 Kings 2:1-12

Here ends the reading.

We sing a passage from Psalm 50. The Cantor sings the first half of each verse, and the congregation responds, alternating high and low voices as indicated. Please join in at home.



Cantor

The LORD, the God of / góds, has spóken; *

Low voices

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun / to its sétting.

Cantor

Out of Zion, perfect / ín its béauty, *

High voices

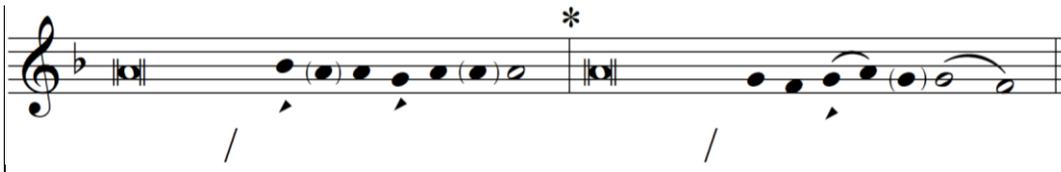
God reveals him/self in glóry.

Cantor

Our God will come and will / nót keep sílence; *

Low

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about / him a ráging storm.



Cantor
High

He calls the heavens and the / éarth from ábove *
to witness the judgment / of his péople.

Cantor
Low

“Gather before me my / lóyal fóllowers, *
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed / it with sácrifice.”

Cantor
High

Let the heavens declare the / rightness óf his cause; *
for / God himsélf is judge.

Setting Plainsong tone 1.2

We hear a reading from the Gospels.

A reading from Mark.

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. Mark 9:2-9

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 Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Stillness is kept.*

All

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.

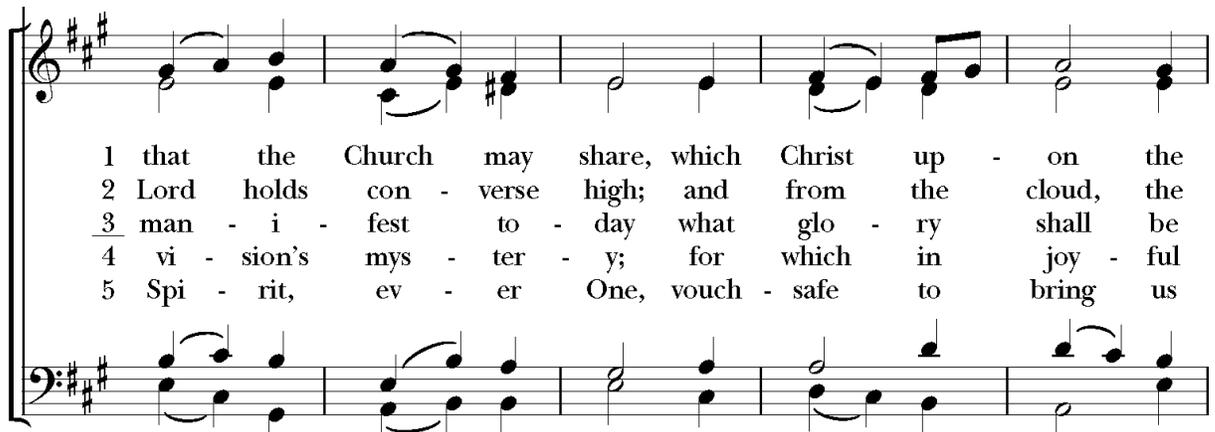
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

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

We join in singing hymn 137 in The Hymnal 1982, on the next page. Please sing boldly at home.



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly



1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us



1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Words Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848-1866), alt.

Music WAREHAM, melody William Knapp (1698-1768); alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, after James Turlle (1802-1882)

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 Deacon dismisses us, saying

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

An organ voluntary is played.

Fantasia super *Komm heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* BWV 651

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Coffee hour follows immediately.

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Presider & Preacher Greta Getlein *Deacon* Stan Baker
Cantor & Organist Mark Howe *Psalm chanters* Beckie Bull, Bob Wright
Readers Rose Bacon, Rebecca Flewelling
Digital Stewards Betsy Beaulieu, Emiry Potter, Lee Williams