



THE HOLY EUCHARIST LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Christ Church Episcopal

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Clergy Associates

The Rev. Darwin L. Price

The Rev. Stephen Stuart

Sharing Christ's love in the world and creating a nurturing place for all.

Prelude	<i>Voluntary on 'Picardy'</i>	Alex Rowley
Introit	<i>Saw You Never in the Twilight</i>	Harold Friedell
Processional Hymn	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!</i>	#460 Hymnal 1982

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father Son and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.**

Song of Praise *Glory to God: Gloria in Excelsis* #S280, Canticle 20 Hymnal 1982

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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 Lessons

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings¹

¹ 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50² *Deus deorum*

- 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.

² Psalm 50:1-6

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.

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians³

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair!

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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to **Mark⁴**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

³ 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

⁴ Mark 9:2-9

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

The Nicene Creed

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. 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.

The Prayers of the People -- Form VI

Where silence is written, please add your own petitions and intercessions.

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world, including those in positions of public trust, especially our President, Joe Biden, our Vice President, Kamala Harris, our Congress, and the leaders of all nations.
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Alan and Carol, our bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; for the Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery including Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul of Boston, The Crossing, the MANNA Community, The Cathedral Chapter, the Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry, and for Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Sandy Allard, Mike Andolina, George Arsenault, Bob, Judy, and Chris Axner, Sherry Barker, Robert DeVecchio, Betty Hadfield, David Hardiman, Pat Hart, Meredith Hatchard, Bradley Jugler, Julie Kraft, Stephen Mazzur, The Rev. John McGinn, Jack and Jill McLaughlin, Sheila Moss-White, Darwin Price, Rick Strawn, Dave Truesdale, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially Nancy Truesdale and Mo Kelly.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Invitation for birthday and anniversary prayers.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Choir Offertory

Lamb of the Light

Gary Cornell

(Ushers will pass the offertory plate)

Presentation of the Gifts

All things come from you O Lord.
And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving

It is recommended that the people stand or kneel throughout the following prayer.

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 offer 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

The priest breaks the bread. Silence may be kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

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.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

Communion Hymn

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

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Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Recessional on 'Lasst Uns Erfreuen'

Donald Hustad

The flowers that beautify our altar this Sunday are given by Karen Butler in celebration of new grandson Zane Eldredge Butler and in memory of her mother, Donna L. Kennedy.

Those Serving Today

Mary Ellen Eichmann, reader; Sidney Coursen, greeter; Meg Pappas, usher
Elizabeth Salomé and Deborah Aylesworth, Altar Guild Servers
Deborah Aylesworth, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Jennifer & Bill Lutz, coffee host
Sidney Coursen, flower delivery

For February 18:

*James Creutz, reader; Jean Bertrand, greeter, Jean Bertrand, usher
Elizabeth Salomé and Deborah Aylesworth, Altar Guild Servers
Bob Lawton, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Betty Ann Waldo, coffee hosts*

News & Noteworthy

The Celebration of Life for Nancy Truesdale will be February 24 at 11:00am. We may need a few extra hands to assist with parking, etc. Please let Mother Donna know if you would like to lend a hand.

From Mother Donna -- As I announced recently, **Maggie Ribb is our new Minister of Music** and we are elated that she has returned to us. The terms of her contract are a bit different than in the past and we wanted to inform everyone of the changes. Concern over the budget this year prompted some cuts and our budget for a Minister of Music was one of the items reduced. In order to hire such a wonderful musician, we created a package where Maggie will work nine months and be off June through August. During that time we will have supply organists. As in the past, the summer choir will be whoever would like to sing on Sunday morning. If you have any questions about this, please talk to any Vestry member or Mother Donna.

NEW! A new knitting/crocheting group will meet on Tuesdays from 2:15 -- 3:30pm downstairs in the sitting room.

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop has been working hard reorganizing, cleaning, and preparing for the reopening of the shop. We will accept donations starting Tuesday, February 13. Please note we cannot accept donations of winter clothes. The shop will reopen on Friday, March 1st. While we are in the stages of preparing spring clothing, we still have a good variety of winter clothing for sale for a couple of weeks and then we will start the Winter Sale.

Thrift Shop Volunteers REALLY Needed -- Please contact Lisa in the Church Office if you can help us by working in the shop. As always, we need more help to be sure the days are covered. March is one of those months with FIVE weekends and there are several regular volunteers who are unavailable for March, so please try to lend a hand. If you usually volunteer for one day a month, please consider two in March to get us through this tough patch.

Flower Delivery Ministry Opportunity – At this time, there are six willing and cheerful volunteers sharing this important ministry. Each Sunday or Monday, we happily deliver the altar flowers to a parishioner who would appreciate them. Sometime it is a celebration or birthday; sometimes it is a touch of comfort. We also share our flowers with nearby nursing homes or a retirement community, as well as places nearby that we want to recognize. At Easter and Christmas we enjoy sharing the plants that grace the church and altar. We rotate on a schedule and stay flexible. It amounts to a turn delivering about once every six weeks. **We would heartily welcome more folks to share in this giving ministry.** Be in touch with one on our team: Kam Anderson, Deborah Aylesworth, Jean Bertrand, Sidney Coursen, Mary Ellen Eichmann, or Cathy Walsman.

Dates to Note

- Tuesday, February 13, 5pm to 7pm – Pancake Supper; please see Todd or Jennifer to volunteer
- Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday
 - 12:00pm Service
 - 12:45pm Ashes available “to go”
 - 5:00pm Service
- Monday, February 19 – Office closed for Presidents’ Day
- Tuesday, February 20, 10:00am -- Tea for volunteers and friends
- Saturday, February 24, 11:00am – Celebration of Life for Nancy Truesdale
- Sunday, February 25 – Annual Meeting of the Parish and Pot Luck Brunch
- *NEW* Saturday March 16 -- A Lenten one-day joint retreat with Church of the Holy Spirit, discussing and praying the spirituality of the labyrinth.

Ongoing

- Tuesdays, 12:00 noon – Book Lovers’ Gathering
- Wednesdays, 5:00pm – Contemplative prayers with Taizé music, soup, and discussion
- Thursdays, 5:00pm – Choir rehearsal

