

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

11 A.M. ANTE COMMUNION RITE II

Prelude

Opening Acclamation		351 (prayer book)
Opening Hymn	<i>O wondrous type O vision fear</i>	137 (hymnal)
Confession		352 (prayer book)
Gloria		S202 (hymnal)
Collect of the Day		217 (prayer book)

I reading— 2 Kings 2:1-12

Reader: A reading from Second 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 50:1-6

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

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

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

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

He calls the heavens and the earth from above *

to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *

for God himself is judge.

II reading—2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Reader: A reading from Second Corinthians.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel—Mark 9:2-9

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

People: Glory to you, O 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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

The Nicene Creed

358 (prayer book)

Prayers of the People

Anthem

Christ upon the mountain peak

129 (hymnal)

The Lord's Prayer

364 (prayer book)

The Peace

360 (prayer book)

The Blessing

Celebrant: 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.**

Closing Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

135 (hymnal)

Dismissal

366 (prayer book)

Postlude

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Father.

Merciful God, we pray for ourselves and all Christians, that we may be a royal priesthood, a holy people, to the praise of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Silence

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop DeDe, our Rector Cathy, and for all bishops and other ministers, that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

Silence

We pray for children and young people and for all who are new in the Faith. Direct and guide them in the way that leads to you.

Silence

We pray for those who bear the responsibility of government in this and every nation, that your people may rejoice in your gifts of true justice and peace.

Silence

We pray for the people of this community, asking that you will show your mercy to them all. In our family cycle of prayer we pray for Kathy Tamblin, and Brad Pettit.

Silence

We pray for all who are sick or in any other kind of trouble, and those who have asked for our prayers, especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jayce Diaz, John Bedard, Merle Geisler, Jason, Bill, Steven, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella, Neva, Eugene, Joyce, Mary and those we now name, silently or aloud.

Silence

... that you will deliver them and keep them in your love.

We pray for the victims of sin and those who minister to them, that you will be their help and defense.

Silence

We pray that we may all be strengthened in our faith, our love and our service.

Silence

We pray for the departed especially David Gentry, Garth Foster, mother of Andy Spitler and those we now name, silently or aloud.

Silence

...commending them to your eternal love.

Please add your own thanksgivings and petitions, silently or aloud.

Silence

We commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The celebrant may add a concluding collect.



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