

# The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14, 2021

10:30am ~ Liturgy of the Word with Amazing Grace! ~



*~From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.~*

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Preacher:	Dr. John McDargh
Accompanist:	Brenda Carter
Readers:	Margaret Hummel ( <i>reading 1 &amp; Psalm</i> ), Mandi Rice ( <i>Psalm &amp; reading 2</i> ), John McDargh ( <i>response leader</i> )
Service Welcome:	David Montgomery
Announcements:	Bernice Cramer
Attendance:	Ken Anderson

## **SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Happy Birthday Caryn Coyle – February 15<sup>th</sup>, John Koger – February 18<sup>th</sup>,  
Leland Grigoli – February 19<sup>th</sup> and Callie Ware – February 20<sup>th</sup>!

## **IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:**

**For the Episcopal Church USA:** Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Alan Gates and Gayle Harris, our Bishops, St. Mary's Church, Barnstable, St. Peter's-on-the-Canal, Buzzards Bay, St. Christopher's Church, Chatham, St. Andrew's Church, Edgartown, and the Union of Black Episcopalians.

## **PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:**

**February 2021:** James Clark, Jeanne Balcom, Casey Nichols, Esther, Susanna and David Lee, Alice Kast, Margaret Lewis, Michelle Zlomek, Albert Mueller, Elise Ware, Lynda Winkowski, Kathy Brothets, Ed Winkowski, Roger Blake, Sebastian Coyle, Maureen Bruce, Hanna Johnson, Joan Musial, Tommy Foley, John Yuskas, Mary Miller, Tom Melideo, Constance Williams, Tori Simmons, Sara Radin, Amy Rader Olsson, Carter Lustig and Sally Montgomery.

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PRELUDE

Brenda Carter

OPENING HYMN *(recording)*

*Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*

HYMNAL#129

Alternate Text in Red

child

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in  
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing  
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed **Son!** Law and pro - phets

child

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
 li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law  
 in its thun - der Je - sus as his **Son** by name!  
 fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## OPENING SENTENCES

*LEM Officiant:* Blessed are you, Holy and Living One.

*All:*               **You come to your people and set them free.**

*LEM Officiant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name.

*All:*               **Amen.**

**Alternate Text in Red**

Glo - ry,

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The vocal line begins with a whole rest for three measures, followed by a half note G4 and a quarter note A4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand, including a key signature change to B major in the second measure.

Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

The third system concludes the vocal phrase with the lyrics "Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —". The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord in the right hand.

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God's

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

One

Au-thor

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

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child Au-thor

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, -

— Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. -

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— You take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

**Au - thor**

Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

(Continued)



Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

**Au-thor**

Ho - ly Spir - it, In the glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry,

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*Descant*

Lord, Lord we praise you

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we praise your Ho-ly name, Glo-ry,

The first system of the musical score. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line with a descant, starting with a long note on 'Lord,' followed by a melodic line for 'Lord we praise you'. The second staff continues the vocal line with 'Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we praise your Ho-ly name, Glo-ry,'. The third staff is a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

*Descant*

Lord, Lord hal-le-lu-jah.

*Women*

Glo-ry hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we Praise your Ho-ly

*Men*

Glo-ry hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we Praise your Ho-ly

The second system of the musical score. It consists of four staves. The top staff is a vocal line with a descant, starting with a long note on 'Lord,' followed by a melodic line for 'Lord hal-le-lu-jah.'. The second staff is for 'Women' with the lyrics 'Glo-ry hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we Praise your Ho-ly'. The third staff is for 'Men' with the lyrics 'Glo-ry hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we Praise your Ho-ly'. The fourth staff is a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE COLLECT

*LEM Officiant:* God is with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*LEM Officiant:* Let us pray together.

*All:* **Gracious Transforming God, give us a vision of the world to be. Help us to offer ourselves fully to your intention for us on this good earth, living sacrifices to your hope and dream for this world. Lift our sights and our spirits from the earthly attachments that keep us from the work that we were born to do. And ground us in the wisdom of uncertainty that comes with this mortal coil. We pray in the name of the risen one, the Christ. Amen.**

# THE LESSONS

THE HEBREW BIBLE

2 Kings 2:1-12

*Reader:* A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

Now 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:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

## Psalm 50:1-6

1. The God of gods has spoken;  
God has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God is revealed in glory.
3. You, God, will come and will not keep silence;  
before you there is a consuming flame,  
and round about you a raging storm.
4. You call the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgment of your people.
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 your cause,  
for you alone are judge.

## THE EPISTLE

## 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*Reader:* A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

And 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.

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**All: Thanks be to God.**

Please substitute "Him/His" for "God" if you so desire

**Spirit Song**

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1. Oh, let the **child** **Son** of God en - fold you, with **His**  
 2. Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness, as your

1. Spir - it and **His** love, Let **Him** fill your heart and  
 2. hearts are filled with joy, Lift your hands in sweet sur -

1. sat - is - fy your soul. Oh, let **Him**  
 2. ren - der to **His** name. Oh, give **Him**

1. have the things that hold you, and **His** Spir - it like a  
 2. all your tears and sad - ness, give **Him** all your years of

1. dove, Will de - scend up - on your life, and make you  
 2. pain, And you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus'

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1. whole. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. name. \_\_\_\_\_

Je - sus. Oh,

Je - sus, come and

fill your lambs. \_\_\_\_\_

Je - sus, Oh, Je - sus,

come and fill your lambs. \_\_\_\_\_

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 9:2-9**

*LEM Officiant:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*All:* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Six days later, 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.

*LEM Officiant:* The Gospel of Christ.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Dr. John McDargh

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** (*read out loud by the LEM Officiant*)

**We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,  
Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,  
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.  
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,  
we put our trust in God;  
and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves,  
in the service of others,  
to seek justice, and to live in peace;  
to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness;  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love.  
And in the company of the faithful we will be the church,  
a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,  
for the glory of God alone.**

**Amen.**

*Statement of Faith adapted from the Iona Community © 2001*



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(read out loud by the LEM Officiant)*

*LEM Officiant:* O Spirit Within! Are you here?

*I Am where you are.*

Thank you, Lord. We are deeply grateful for the universal work of the church to draw out the still, small voice of the holy spirit inside each of us.

**All: May our lives be filled with prayerful moments that open us to your divine inspiration.**

*LEM Officiant:* Creator Within! Are you here?

*Day and night.*

We savor your love notes: a spider and her web hanging on through a breeze, nature's charged pause before a storm, the breath of a new born. Your mystery and magnificence stirs our yearning for a mindful world.

**All: God, hear our cry for your creation.**

*LEM Officiant:* O Law Within! Are you here?

*Written on your heart.*

We praise the wisdom of Moses and the counsel of Elijah. Let us inherit the spirit of your prophets, listen to your beloved child Jesus, and discern your law in our time.

**All: Heaven Almighty, hear our cry for God's law.**

*LEM Officiant:* Grace Within! Are you here?

*Always.*

At hand is a bottomless well of spiritual sustenance. May we have the fortitude and the courage to divine it, and to drink from it.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer to recognize the grace in all people, at all times.**

*LEM Officiant:* Healing Truth Within! Are you here?

*Waiting.*

With the Scripture to guide us, we meet life's crossroads on humble yet steady feet. We give thanks for the revelation of God's loving word which expands our lives, and strengthens and restores us. We pray for those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and for those on our Parish Prayer List *(read the names)* and also for those listed in our Community Prayer Book *((read from the community prayer book))*, we pray they know the comfort and the miracle of your love.

**All: Merciful God, may you be found by those who are in trouble, in pain, or in immediate need.**

*LEM Officiant:* O Winged Soul Within! Are you here?

*Fluttering against this mortal cage.*

We pray for the departed, including all whom we have lost during this pandemic but whose bright lights are not forgotten. May their restless souls soar to your beckoning and eternal fold.

**All: Maker of All, may our loved ones find peace on the other side of death's earthly whirlwind.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*LEM Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors and ourselves.

**All:** O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors or ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.

*LEM Officiant:* Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us every trespass through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**All:** Amen.

## THE PEACE

*LEM Officiant:* The peace of God be always with you.

**All:** And also with you.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(We invite you to say whatever version of The Lord's Prayer is most meaningful for you.)*

*LEM Officiant:* As Jesus taught us we now pray:

**All:** Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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 forever. Amen.

## CLOSING PRAYER

*LEM Officiant:* Let us pray together.

**All:** O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family. Take away the fears that infect our hearts. Break down the walls that separate us. Unite us in the bonds of love and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth. In your good time, O God, let all nations and peoples live in harmony and find that new and resurrected life promised through Christ Jesus. Amen.

## BLESSING<sup>1</sup>

*LEM Officiant:* Tender God, touch us.

Be touched by us;  
Make us lovers of humanity,  
Compassionate friends of all creation.  
Gracious God, hear us into speech;  
Speak us into acting;  
And through us, recreate the world.

*All:* **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** (*recording*)

*How Do I keep from Singing*

*by Robert Wadworth Lowry*

My life flows on in endless song;  
Above earth's lamentations,  
I hear the real, tho' far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation;  
Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear its music ringing;  
It sounds an echo in my soul—  
How can I keep from singing?

Although the tempest loudly roars,  
I hear the truth, it liveth.  
But though the darkness 'round me close,  
Songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that rock I'm clinging;  
Since love is lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,  
And hear their death-knell ringing,  
When friends rejoice both far and near,  
How can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile,  
Our thoughts to them are winging;  
When friends by shame are undefiled,  
How can I keep from singing?

*(repeat first verse)*

## DISMISSAL

*LEM:* Let us live in peace and love each other in the name of the risen Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

*All:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

<sup>1</sup> *Carter Hayward in Celebrating Women, p 196.*



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