



Order of Service for Sunday February 11, 2024
~ Last Sunday after the Epiphany ~
10 am Holy Eucharist
the Rev. Deacon Keehna Sture,
The Rev Robert Morrison, Celebrant
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR

Prelude *(Without music, use this time for quiet meditation.)*

Opening Hymn #427 *"When Morning Guilds the Skies"*

The Greeting:

Presider

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Presider *(please say together)*

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; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria *(please say together)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

Collect for today - let us say together:

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 Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson is a reading from 2 Kings 2:1-12

Lector

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..

- Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People
- **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 50:1-6 *Deus deorum* (Said responsively, break at the "*") Lector

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.

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.

The Second Lesson from 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Lector

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

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People

- **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn #437 "Tell Out My Soul"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Mark 9:2-9

Deacon

- **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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
• ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Sermon

The Rev Robert Morrison

The Nicene Creed *(let us say together)*

***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 fully 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 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.***

Prayers of the People, *(A special Form for Epiphany)*

PotP Reader

Reader: Illumined by the light of Christ, let us bring to God not only our needs, but the needs of the world and God's people everywhere.

Reader: For the Church, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation, made visible in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For St. Martin's parish family, that our lives may radiate Christ's light to all we meet and serve in our community, let us pray to the Lord.



All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For an end to conflict in our troubled world: that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of Christ's peace and love, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those in need of our prayers: the homeless, the lonely; the hungry; the dying; the grieving, and all those undergoing personal trials and challenges, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the sick, especially those we call to mind now, either silently or aloud (*pause...*), that their illnesses may be turned into health, and their sorrow into rejoicing, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all who have died, especially those among our families and friends, whose memories still bring light to our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

Reader and People

Reader

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.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory;

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering & sacrifice to God.

Hymn of Presentation *'Doxology (sing to the tune Old One hundredth)*

Praise God Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People (Say Together)

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***Amen.***

As our Savior has taught us, we now pray:



The Lord's Prayer (say together)
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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. Amen.**

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Communion of the People Celebrant / Eucharistic Minister
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Healing Prayers -- *During Communion, people desiring healing prayer, after receiving the sacrament, should go to the kneeler behind the table for laying on of hands. Kneel if you are able, or stand. Others who wish to support those being blessed may join in the laying on of hands.*

Communion Music Instrumental - Tim Janis

Prayer of Thanksgiving Celebrant
**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.**

Prayer for St. Martin's Deacon
God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (front cover of the red prayer book) Celebrant
Traveling Mercies
Announcements

Seasonal Blessing Celebrant
O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may behold your glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #460 "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" (vs 1, 2, 4, & 5)

Dismissal Deacon
Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude