

Morning Prayer – Rite II

Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 14, 2021 **10:30 a.m.**

Prelude: “What God Ordains is Always Good” *Johann Peter Kellner (1705-1772)*
Wayne Hatwich, Organist

1. O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory
that the church may share, which Christ
upon the mountain shows, where brighter
than the sun he glows!
 3. With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest today what
glory shall be theirs above who joy
in God with perfect love.
 4. And faithful hearts are raised on high by
this great vision's mystery; for which in joyful
strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn
of praise.

Welcome and Announcements

The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant: 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.**

*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

The 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.**

Epiphany Verse: “For us he rose from death again” **Hymn #449**
Vocalist: Tammy Schulz v. 5, 6

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| 5. For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer. | 6. All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore. |
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The Lessons

Old Testament

A Reading from Second Kings

II 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.

Here ends the Lesson.

Psalm 50:1-6

- 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.*

New Testament Lesson

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

II Corinthians 4:3-6

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.

Here ends the Lesson.

Gradual Hymn:

“Songs of thankfulness and praise”

Hymn #135

v. 1, 4

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise, manifested by the star to the sages from afar; branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
4. Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light, where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw. When from there thou reddest them steadfast to Jerusalem, cross and Easter Day attest God in manmade manifest.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Mark 9:2-9

People: *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.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Douglas Rogers, Deacon

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.*

The Prayers

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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;
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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Paula our Bishop Elect and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially Mary, Maryanne, Owen, Nick, Rich, Sam, Patrick, Sean, Trish, and Dorothy.

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 especially those celebrating birthdays, Philip James (02/14), Kody Greenlee (02/15), Ian Cox (02/16), Bryson Gates (02/18), Leadell Schmitt (02/18), and Rob Sinks (02/20) and those celebrating anniversaries especially Stan McGroarty and Trish Rooney (02/13).

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 Bob Sinks.

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 Priest alone stands and 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.

The Peace

Offertory:

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

Hymn #6

v. 1, 2, 3

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph over shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear!3. Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see; as they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart. |
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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(The people stand as the bread and wine are presented at the altar. Then they may be seated.)

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.
People: *And of thine own have we given thee.*

(standing)

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 give God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*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.*

Celebrant: 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;*

Celebrant: 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 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:

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn:

“Alleluia! Bread of Heaven”

Hymn #460

v. 3, 4, 5

3. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own: Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

5. Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing (†)

Closing Hymn:

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

(Tune: *Lauda Anima*-410)

Hymn #123

v. 1, 3, 4

1. Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem ever raised by choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.
3. Alleluia though we cherish and would chant for
evermore alleluia in our singing, let us for a while give
o'er, as our Savior in his fasting pleasures of the world
forbore.
4. Therefore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, blessed
Trinity, at the last to keep thine Easter with thy faithful saints
on high; there to thee for ever singing Alleluia joyfully.

Postlude:

“Alleluyas”

Simon Preston (b. 1938)

*At his feet the six-winged Seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high.
(Liturgy of St. James)*

Announcements

Currently the church is open for Sunday worship at the 10:30 am service. In keeping with diocesan guidelines, 15 people are able to attend the weekly service. Please call the office to reserve a spot.

We welcome Mary Johnson to the vestry. She is taking the place of Jacob Hardesty. Mary joined Emmanuel Episcopal in 2013 after a lifetime of worshiping in the Catholic tradition. She knew she found a spiritual home upon hearing a sermon on how all are welcome at the Lord's table. Mary is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago with a degree in Chemistry. She has spent most of her professional career as the Laboratory Manager for the Rock River Water Reclamation District. She and her late husband Mark are the proud parents of two adult daughters, Sarah Kaufmann and Caroline Johnson. She looks forward to the birth of her second grandchild in early April. We thank Jake for his service to the Church.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Services are broadcast on Facebook, and you do not need an account to view them.

Lent There are 11 spots open for Lenten Readings and Reflections. If you would like to participate in writing a reflection, please email cheryljrogers@gmail.com or call her at 815-520-8043 by January 21st. This year the reflections will be posted on our Facebook page. There will be a few printed copies available for those who do not have access to Facebook.

Book Club The group meets on February 16th at 7 pm via zoom. February's book is "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd.

Lenten Series The program, "The Day the Revolution Began" led by N.T. Wright will meet on Zoom February 24th through March 31st at 7 pm.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

10:30 a.m. **Reader 1: Dennis Horton**
Reader 2: Susan Rubendall

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