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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 2023

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary *Caprice sur les grands jeux* L. N. Clerambault

Processional Hymn *"O splendor of God's glory bright"* Hymn 5
(to the tune *Puer Nobis*, Hymn 124)

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

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

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.***

Gloria in excelsis (*sung in unison*) (text below) *Hymnal S 280*

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.***

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.***

Reader A reading from the Book of 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 50:1-6 *Deus deorum* (standing)

- 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 re/veals 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 a/bove *
 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 sacri/fice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness/ of his /cause; *
 for /God himself is /judge.



Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth (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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

"Christ upon the mountain peak"

Hymn 129

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. John Adams

The Nicene Creed *spoken in unison, standing*

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

Standing or kneeling

BCP 392

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Pause*) For all people in their daily life and work;

People ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Mark our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Leandra, Betsy, Tom, Steve, Ann, Ben, Mary Ruth, Morgan and Barbara, Thomas, Tammy, Dorothy, and Amelia.* (*Pause for intercessions*) Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*Pause for thanksgivings*) We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*Pause for intercessions*) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

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

Reader and People, kneeling or standing

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 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 *Standing*

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

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem *"We Saw His Glory"* Erhard Mauersberger

The Doxology (*sung in unison, standing*) *"Hymn 380 v. 3"* **(text below)** Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B *Standing* **BCP 367**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up our hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right... to proclaim the glory of your Name: **BCP 367**

Celebrant and People (text below) **Hymnal S 125**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant *Standing or kneeling* **BCP 368**

**We give thanks to you... do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,**

Celebrant and People (text below) **Hymnal S 138**

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

Celebrant **BCP 369**

And we offer our sacrifice... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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.

Fraction Anthem (*sung in unison*) (text below)

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Music

"Music For Harpsichord"

Once all have received, the celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Kneeling or standing

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving 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.

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

Hymn 460

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Voluntary on Hyfrydol

Henry Coleman

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
Bradley T. Johnson IV and Zenita Johnson
By the Family*

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Grace, Radford. Pray for the people of Grace, Radford and their Curate-in-Charge, The Rev. William Yagel. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Sunday Bible Study Our Sunday morning Bible Study will be held at 9:30 am in the Parish House with a short read through the Letters of John.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening Bible Study continues our read through the Gospel of Luke on February 12 at 7:00 pm in the Parish House; this week, we will look at the rest of Jesus' infancy narrative (Luke 2:21-52).

Public Theology

Public Theology is taking February off (as Ash Wednesday falls on our regularly scheduled evening). We will resume on March 13.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is **February 14**. We will offer services in the church at Noon and 7:00 pm, each including the Imposition of Ashes, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and music.

Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

After a multi-year hiatus, several Martinsville churches (Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal) are again getting together to offer a Lenten program. **Each Thursday in Lent (February 15 - March 21)**, we are invited to a different church at Noon for lunch and a Lenten devotion offered by the pastor. **Christ Church is hosting on February 22 (in the Undercroft)**; if you are willing to help provide lunch on that day, please let Fr. John know (johndavidadams85@gmail.com or 571-232-1294).

Schedule:

- 1) First Baptist Church of Martinsville (Libby Grammer, Devotional): February 15th
- 2) **Christ Episcopal Church (John Adams, Devotional): February 22nd**
- 3) First United Methodist Church (Faith Weedling, Devotional): February 29th
- 4) Chatham Heights Baptist Church (Mike Hatfield, Devotional): March 7th
- 5) First Presbyterian Church (Cheryl Peeples of FHPC, Devotional): March 14th
- 6) Starling Avenue Baptist Church (Angela Zimmerman, Devotional): March 21st

Lent Program

This year's Lent Program is about Prayer, considering why we pray, why we should regularly pray together and individually, and discussing (and occasionally practicing) how we pray. We will meet in the Undercroft after the 10:30 service on Sundays (**February 18 and 25, March 3, 10, and 17**), with a light lunch of soup and bread preceding the program.

A Lenten Journey Towards Becoming Beloved Community

Tuesday nights 7-8 pm via Zoom (Feb 20, 27 and March 5, 12 and 19)

Sign up on the following link: <https://dioswva.wufoo.com/forms/m12wf72vlp692ed/>

We hope you will join the Diocesan Becoming Beloved Community Guiding Team as we talk about the mission and ministry of Becoming Beloved Community. What does that look like for individuals, for a church and for our communities? We will learn about this important ministry through history, education and resources, action, and worship.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for February - March: Dish detergent. For February: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Will Zimmer

Chalicers: Dawn Stone, Tom Webster

Acolyte: Tyler Johnson

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Hank Long, Dan Cahill, Trippi Penn

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Altar Guild: Team #2 – Page Beeler, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain,
Ruth Foley, Rita Hodges, Valerie Payne

Counters: Pat Russell, Rives Coleman

Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

2024 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens, Senior Warden; Beverly Lyle, Treasurer;
Andy Williams, Junior Warden

Year 2: Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Pat Russell; Will Zimmer

Year 1: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall