



Last Sunday in Epiphany

St. Augustine's Church
February 14, 2021

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

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.

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.

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

The Collect of the Day

O God of the covenant, the cloud of your splendor and the fire of your love revealed your Son on the mountain heights. Transform our lives in his image, write your law of love on our hearts, and make us prophets of your glory, that we may lead others into your presence. **Amen.**

First Lesson 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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 O God, you 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.

Second Lesson 2 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.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

People **Glory to you O Christ.**

The Holy Gospel Mark 9:2-9

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 Sermon

The Vicar

A period of silence is kept

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 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified and 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

We invite you to add your intercessions either silently or aloud after each bidding.

Reader: Let us pray that the Morning Star will shine for the church, the world, and all those in need. That the church may be radiant with the Gospel and draw all people to the boundless riches of your love. We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Nicholas, our Bishop; for the people of God, gathered from every nation

under heaven; may we proclaim in every language, the dawning of a new age. In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the clergy widows and widowers of the Diocese.

Reader: For this we pray
People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That nations will be led by your wisdom, and leaders serve with justice and righteousness to scatter the clouds of hatred and oppression.

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People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those who are depressed, lonely, or sick may be nursed by your healing power and rest in the arms of your comfort.

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People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That we would share our abundance of wealth and grace with those who live in poverty of riches and spirit.

Reader: For this we pray
People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those whose lives and cultures differ from our own may find welcome among us.

Reader: For this we pray
People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those who are filled with doubt and struggle to believe may be led by the Holy Spirit to acclaim your love incarnate in Jesus Christ.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer**

Reader: That those who have died and now behold your great epiphany may surround us until we come to the brightness of your dawning.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: In commemoration of their birthdays, we give thanks for the gift of their lives and for their presence among us: Kaitlyn Elizabeth Gavitt, Doug Wilson, Cameron Eleanor Gavitt, Michael Shimizu, Mason Kelly and Martina Baugh.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer**

Together God of grace and glory you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collects

The Vicar

Celebrant **Summing all of our prayers, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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 Hymn All my hope on God is founded (v. 1, 3, 5) 665

1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendor, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.'

Blessing

Dismissal

Dismissal response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Announcement

Special envelopes/offerings for fuel are very welcome in February.



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