



EMMANUEL CHURCH



NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

We share our home, building a vibrant, loving community.

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

February 11, 2024

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Melody in Mauve

Richard Purvis

the people stand to sing

HYMN 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY, *prayed aloud by all*

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, 8:00 a.m. *BCP* p. 356

10:00 a.m. HYMN WLP 899, *please join singing the refrain*

by Carl Haywood



Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY, *prayed aloud by all*

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 FIRST READING, *printed on next page*

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."

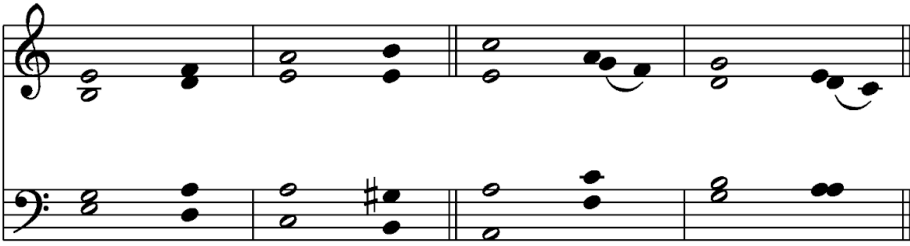
Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing 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.

-2 Kings 2:1-12

Lector The Word of the Lord *People* **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 50:1-6, *please remain seated and sing with the choir*



- 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 READING

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.

-2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

the people stand and sing

AT THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 137

O wondrous type! O vision fair

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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.

-Mark 9:2-9

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

THE NICENE CREED, *recited together, 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *Form VI*

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

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

We pray for Xay, our mayor, Dan our governor, Joe our president and 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.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians, for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honor as your children, for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Della+, our rector, +Nicholas, our bishop, +Michael, our presiding bishop, ++Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for

In the cycle of prayer of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island we pray for... .

In the Emmanuel Church Cycle of Prayer, we pray for

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation we ask your prayers for ... hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*the people may add their 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.

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, then...*) **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 PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

NOTICES

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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AT THE OFFERTORY

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Negro Spiritual

For the presentation of gifts the people stand and sing

Hymn 380, stanza 3 **Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer B* (BCP page 367)

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, 8:00 a.m. *spoken by all*, 10:00 a.m. Hymn WLP 856, *sung by all* by Lena McClintock

Ho - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly Lord, - God of p'wer and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The Priest continues We give thanks to you, O God, ...

concluding Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Priest continues And we offer our sacrifice of praise ... *concluding...*we are bold to say:

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.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM, 8:00 a.m. *spoken*, 10:00 a.m. Hymn WLP 878

Carl Haywood



Who - ev - - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - - er — thirst.

AT COMMUNION, Hymn 325

Let us break bread together on our knees

Please join in singing the refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *prayed aloud together, standing, kneeling or sitting as you prefer*

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.

HYMN 529

In Christ there is no East or West

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

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Bible Study follows the 8:00 a.m. service in the Library.

Choir Practice follows the 8:00 a.m. service in the Church.

Shrove Tuesday supper is February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

Ash Wednesday service is February 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

Lay leadership in and after worship today...

Jere Wells, Nancy Zitka, *readers* Debbie Venancio, *intercessor*

Ellen Vadney, *cameras* Lyndsay Brown, *sound*

Jackie Breen, Debbie DeAscentis, *ushers* Debbie Venancio, *counters*

The Musicians' Circle

Jackie Breen and Caleb Dinger, *coffee hour*

From the Rector

Sunday we celebrate the Last Sunday after the Epiphany as we look ahead to our Shrove Tuesday Valentine's Day pancake supper at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, with Ash Wednesday services at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, February 14. The last of the camels has left the manger on the high altar, turning back East from Bethlehem alongside the magi by another way, as Matthew's gospel tells us. Camels are great sand cargo vehicles, able to carry heavy burdens over long distances in a desert climate. With a form factor uniquely suited to accompanying travelers over difficult terrain, camels are also great vehicles for our theological imaginations as we contemplate our own pilgrimage through Lent. What will we carry with us over those 40 days? Where are we headed, how have we prepared ourselves for the journey, and how will we be changed when we get there?

Our gospel reading Sunday is Jesus' transfiguration from Mark's gospel, when Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus up a high mountain and then see Jesus transfigured — his face shining like the sun and his clothes dazzling white. And if that wasn't enough, Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus in conversation, representing our faith history in the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah).

Many call the Holy Lands the Fifth Gospel, referring to the way the unique features of the land — the distance between holy places, and even the angle of the sun on the stones — help us to understand the gospels in a new way. While Mark's gospel doesn't identify the mountain where Jesus' dazzling transfiguration takes place, in the Fifth Gospel of the Holy Lands, the church remembers that Jesus, Moses, and Elijah's conversation took place on Mount Tabor, which looks out over the fields and valleys of the lower Galilee, up into the hills and mountains of the North.

Let's keep our minds on the Fifth Gospel as we leave Epiphany to travel through Lent. What are the features of the spaces we traverse, how does the journey change us, and who do we meet along the way? I'll be praying my way along by camel.

Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day pancake supper is Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. The menu includes pancakes and the fixins, entertainment is by *Caleb Dinger and the Emmanuel Jazz Collective*. What a great day to bring a guest with you to something at Emmanuel. And don't forget the beads, masks, etc! Who will get the prize from the King Cake?

Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite 2 for Ash Wednesday will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. Music led by the Musicians' Circle, Sermon by The Rev. Della Wager Wells, imposition of ashes, too. The service should last about an hour.