

February 11th, 2024

10:30 am

The Last Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome

Opening Hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King”

St. Francis of Assisi, V. Williams

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam
thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav’n along
Oh praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
and praise the Spirit, three in One
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia! alleluia! alleluia

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it:

People ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord:

People ***Who made heaven and earth.***

Celebrant I was glad when they said to me:

People ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

Celebrant Praise the Lord.

People ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

All ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Be glorified at home.

People ***Be glorified in church.***

Celebrant Be glorified in Texas.

People ***Be glorified in the United States.***

Celebrant Be glorified on earth.

People ***Be glorified in heaven.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Alleluia! *People* ***Amen.***

The Collect for the Last Sunday in Epiphany

The Transfiguration

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant 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 lesson is from the first book of Kings, chapter 19, beginning to read at verse 9

⁹There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”¹⁰ He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the

- 6 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; *
indeed, in the secret place of his dwelling he shall hide me, and set me high upon a rock of stone.
- 7 And now he shall lift up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 8 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; *
I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.
- 9 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto you; *
have mercy upon me and hear me.
- 10 You speak to my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, O LORD, will I seek.
- 11 O hide not your face from me, *
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
- 12 You have been my helper; *
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13 When my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD takes me in.
- 14 Teach me your way, O LORD, *
and lead me in the right way, because of my enemies.
- 15 Deliver me not over to the will of my adversaries, *
for there are false witnesses who have risen up against me, and those who speak wrong.
- 16 I would utterly have fainted, *
had I not believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
- 17 O wait for the LORD; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart. *
O put your trust in the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

The second lesson is from the second letter of St. Peter, chapter 1, beginning to read at verse 13.

¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴ since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. ¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Sequence Song, “Ancient Words

Lynn De Shazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)

Celebrant We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 1 beginning to read at verse 9.

² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they

no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (ESV)

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

People *Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.*

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Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All *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 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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 worshipped 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.

Prayer Intercessions

Celebrant For all your people throughout the world, for peace and goodwill everywhere, for the future of our country, and for you to raise up a new generation of good and godly leaders, and for all who currently govern and hold authority in every nation and city, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For your face to shine upon us, and your hand to clearly guide us, so that we may know how to make things better in our city, state, and country, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for the families and friends they have left behind, and that when we die, we may end our lives in faith and hope and peace, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For widows and those who live alone, for the elderly and the frail, and for those taking care of their elderly spouses and parents, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our children and grandchildren, for orphans, and for kids in broken families, and those with unbelieving parents, for the victims of neglect and abuse and crime and abortion, that you may look after all the children and their moms and dads and care for them and protect them, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For the sick and the suffering and those who are afraid, that in the mighty Name of Jesus, and through the power and grace of your Holy Spirit, you may heal and comfort them, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For a whole generation of moms and dads wounded by abortion, who need both our help and your grace and healing and forgiveness, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our friends and our neighbors and co-workers, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For the poor and unemployed, for those in prison and in the hospital, and for those who care for them – for the comfort and consolation of all who come to you in need, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all our families, that you, Lord, may be the head of every household, and bring healing to every broken relationship, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For the lost and the lonely and those who are hurting – for the salvation and comfort and healing of all who currently do not know you, that they may know your love, Lord, and know that you forgive them and care for them, and that your desire is to grant them hope and eternal life, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For your Church and her witness and work in the world, give her strength. Today we bring before you The Gathering in Richmond, Texas. We ask your anointing upon our friend Archbishop Lamido in Kaduna, Nigeria, and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop, Clark, our Bishop, and Chuck and Owen, our priests; fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For those you will someday bring to this fellowship, Lord, that you will prepare them for that day, and that you will prepare us to receive them, to welcome them, to love them, to know what to say, to know what to do, to remember what it was like when we didn't have a church family, that you will grow this fellowship toward maturity in Christ so all your children may be gathered as you intend, we pray to you.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Prayer of Penitence

Celebrant Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. *(Luke 9:23-24)*

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All ***Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Celebrant Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. *Amen.*

All ***Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offerings and come into His courts.

Psalms 96:8

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

“Great Things” *Jonas Myrin, Phil Wickham*

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus: O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your Name lifted high
O God You have done great things

You’ve been faithful through every storm
You’ll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things (to chorus)

Bridge: Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakeable
Hallelujah You have done great things
You’ve done great things

Doxology

All sing ***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.
Amen.***

Celebrant All things come from you O Lord.

People ***And of your own have we given you.***

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Is the Father with us?

People ***He is.***

Celebrant Is Christ among us?

People ***He is.***
Celebrant Is the Spirit here?
People ***He is.***
Celebrant This is our God.
People ***Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.***
Celebrant We are His people.
People ***We are redeemed.***
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 Him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. For Abraham, the wandering nomad, You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as a prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be king; for a rebellious crowd, You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)

Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. *People remain standing*

Celebrant Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

People ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

Celebrant In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People ***We have died together, we will rise together,
we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

People ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

Celebrant This is the feast of victory!

People ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

The Communion

Celebrant ***As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:***

All ***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, forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People ***Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.***

Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,

People ***is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***

Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.

People ***Christ is the host and we are His guests.***

Celebrant Christ is alive forever.

People ***We are because He is.***

The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to preserve your body and soul unto eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

Mystery”

Charlie Hall

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity - Sweet Jesus Christ my clarity
Bread of Heaven broken for me - Cup of salvation held out to drink
Christ has died and Christ is risen - Christ will come again

All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to receive Communion; people come forward for communion while the following songs are sung.

Communion Songs

“Agnus Dei” *Michael W. Smith*

Alleluia alleluia
For our Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For our Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia holy

Chorus: Holy are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb worthy is the Lamb

You are holy
Holy are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

“Our Great God”

Fernando Ortega, Mac Powell

Eternal God unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

Chorus: Hallelujah, Glory be to our great God

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God (*chorus*)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God who rules them by His word (*chorus*)

”Glory Glory (God Is Able)”

David Crowder, Ed Cash

Glory glory I’ve been singing
Since I laid my burden down
Glory glory I’ve been singing
Since I laid my burden down

Chorus: I’m singing hallelujah God is able
Hallelujah God is faithful
Hallelujah Lord I’m gonna sing

I feel better so much better
Since I laid my burden down
I feel better so much better
Since I laid oh Lord I laid my burden down (*to chorus*)

Bridge: As long as I'm alive
There's gonna be praising
As long as I'm alive
There's gonna be shouting
One thing that I know
Deep down in my soul
As long as I'm alive I'm gonna sing

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn “Alleluia Sing To Jesus” *William Chatterton Dix*

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
Has redeemed us by his blood

Alleluia bread of angels
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

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