



The Last Sunday After Epiphany

February 14, 2021

**St. George's Church ☩
Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington**

EPIPHANY

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has everything you need to fully participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music.

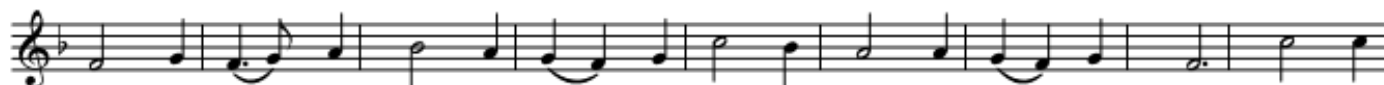
Prelude: *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* arr. Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

Opening Hymn: New Century Hymnal #182 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

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We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and ho - ly place,
Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the flesh - joined Word,
Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our faith de - cline,



Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace. Here we
Mos - es and E - li - jah mar - vel as the heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and
We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine. But true



pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is not in vain. Search - ing like those
hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with gar - ments
wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our dai - ly



first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

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

People: Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

All pray together: 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: *The Light of Christ from My Heart Sings Out #80*

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The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The light of Christ has come in - to the world. light of Christ has come in - to the world. world. The light of Christ has come come." The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning of the first line and a first/second ending bracket at the end of the second line.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the day: **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.**

Prayer for Our Country

O God, we pray for your presence with us and with our country and ask that you give us the strength and courage we need to rise to the challenges that we face. We pray that those who lead may have resolve, wisdom, and integrity in the exercise of their duties, and that they and we be committed to truth in both word and deed. Pour out your healing on our country and its people and strengthen our commitment to the common good, that we may have patience and grace to bridge what divides us and so be bearers of your peace and good will, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Read by Jay Tobias

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. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6

The Lord, the most mighty God has spoken:

and summoned the world, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God shines out from Zion: **a city perfect in beauty.**

Our God is coming, and will not keep silence:

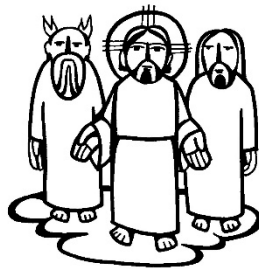
before you O God runs a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest rages about you.

You call on the heavens above, and on the earth below:

to witness the judgment of your people.

Gather my people before me: **the people who made covenant with me by sacrifice.**

The heavens proclaim your justice: **for you yourself are judge.**



*He was transfigured
before their eyes*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

The Sermon: Brother Ed Munro, BSG

The Celebrant says

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Led by Karen Sharp

O God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith. As we celebrate the Christ who brings your light to all people, we offer you our thanks, our praise, and the concerns of our hearts, saying **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, the sun and moon and stars shine with your love for all you have made. That our life together may be a celebration of your good creation, we pray:
Light of the world, hear our prayer.

God of light and life, we are grateful that you continue to pour out the gift of your Spirit on your church, even in these challenging times. For Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's, that we may embody the presence of your Son Jesus, we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, we live in a time of division and fear, yet we know that your light shines on all people. That you would fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation on behalf of all, we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, We pray for the leaders of our country and for all nations. That our elected officials speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice, we pray:
Light of the world, hear our prayer.

God of light and life, you bring healing where there is illness, hope where there is despair, life where there is death. For those who are sick and those who care from them, for those who are out of work and those without shelter or enough to eat, and for all who are in any need, we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, you make for each of us a dwelling place eternal with you. For all those who have died, and especially for the over 460,000 in our country and the more than 2.30 million around the world who have died of Covid-19, we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

God of light and life, because of your grace we have much to celebrate. We thank you for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for all of the gifts and blessings we experience. For all that we have and all that we are, we give thanks to you as we pray: **Light of the world, hear our prayer.**

O God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and all of the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who brings your light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offertory

The Celebrant says

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's. We encourage you to give your offerings electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net.

Offertory Anthem: Come, Children of Zion arr. Lloyd Larson

*Come, children of Zion, and help us to sing
loud anthems of praises to Jesus, our King,
whose life was once given our souls to redeem
and bring us to heaven to dwell there with Him.
Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
to every believer the promise of God.*

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Come, children of Zion, sing praises to our King!*

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S 130 Holy, holy, holy Lord ~ Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho-

- san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, O Holy One, for in Jesus the Messiah you have come to us as the Word made flesh. Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased, your beloved Son, who brings us into new life and calls us to follow him.

Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, Jesus forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, and restored those in need of healing. He gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed, bringing light to the world in the power of your Holy Spirit.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command O God,

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

Made one with Christ and one with each other, we now offer you these gifts, O gracious God, and with them we offer ourselves, as a holy and living sacrifice. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Holy One of Blessing, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now in the Light of Christ, we pray,

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. 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.

The Celebrant says

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

Communion Hymn: My Heart Sings Out #75 *Yo soy la luz del mundo*

Part 1.

Yo soy la luz de mundo.

El que me siga tendrá ta luz que le da la vida.

Y nunca andará en la oscuridad.

I am the world's true light.

If you will follow me, your life will reflect my brightness and you'll never walk in the night.

Part 2

Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya, alelu! La, la, la, la, la, la.

Part 3

Dios es la luz, Dios es la paz, Dios es amor.

Dios es la luz, Dios es la paz, Dioses amor.

God is our light, God is our peace, God is our love.

God is our light, God is our peace, God is our love.

Post- Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray: Holy and Eternal God, 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.

The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Dismissal Hymn: Wonder, Love, & Praise #819 *Guide My Feet Lord*

African American Spiritual, arr. Carl Harris. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Guide My Feet* arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)



Happy Valentine's Day!