

# **Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

## **The Book of Alternative Services**

**February 14, 2021**

**10:00am**



**St. George's Cathedral, Kingston**

Prelude: *Prelude*, William H. Harris (1883-1973)

Setting: *Harris in F*

## Gathering Hymn:

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,

*Ratisbon*

Melody from Werner's *Choralbuch* (Leipzig, 1815)

till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

## The Gathering of the Community (BAS p. 230)

*The presiding celebrant greets the community*

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Then may be said by the celebrant alone or with the people,*

**Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we  
may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Summary of the Law

*Celebrant* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy  
soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.  
This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:  
thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.

*People*      **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts,  
we beseech thee.**

## **Kyrie**

*Chorister*      Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison  
(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Chorister*      Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
we praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
We glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father.    **Amen**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Holy One of Israel, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, so that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **The Readings    (Tanis Fairley)**

*Reader*      **A Reading from the Second Book of Kings 2:1-12**

Now 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.

*At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,*

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: 50:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD, even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken: and called the world, from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

<sup>2</sup> Out of Sion hath God appeared : in perfect beauty

<sup>3</sup> Our God cometh, and shall not keep silence: there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

<sup>4</sup> He shall call the heaven from above: and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

<sup>5</sup> 'Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.'

<sup>6</sup> And the heavens declare his righteousness; for God is judge himself.

*Reader* **A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 4:3-6**

And 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.

*At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,*

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** (please stay seated while the Choristers sing)

Jesus, these eyes have never seen  
that radiant form of thine;  
the veil of sense hangs dark between  
thy blessed face and mine.

3 Yet, though I have not seen, and still  
must rest in faith alone,  
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,  
unseen, but not unknown.

2 I see thee not, I hear thee not,  
yet art thou oft with me;  
and earth hath ne'er so dear a spot  
as where I meet with thee.

4 When death these mortal eyes shall seal,  
and still this throbbing heart,  
the rending veil shall thee reveal  
all glorious as thou art.

*Nun dankett all*  
Melody from *Praxis Pietatis*, 1647

Ray Palmer (1808-87)

**The Gospel**

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Six days later, 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)

*Reader*            The Gospel of Christ  
*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **Living God's Word – Canon Barbara Stewart**

**Sermon –     The Right Reverend Michael Oulton**  
(Bishop of the Diocese of Ontario)

### **The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds,  
God, of God; Light, of Light;  
very God, of very God; begotten, not made;  
being of one substance with the Father;  
through whom all things were made:  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again  
according to the scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who spake by the prophets.  
And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People (Tanis Fairley)

### Confession and Absolution

*A confession of sin may be made here if a penitential rite has not been used earlier, or if penitential intercessions were not used in the Prayers of the People. The celebrant or other person may say one or more of the following:*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.  
*Matthew 1.28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only- begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2.1,2*

*Then shall be said:*

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

*Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and**

judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.      **Amen**

## The Peace

*The presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

**Motet:** *Behold, the Tabernacle of God*, William H. Harris (1883-1973)

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,

And the spirit of God dwelleth within you.

For the temple of God is holy,

Which temple are ye.

For the love of God we do this day celebrate

the joys of the temple with a season of festivity.

O how dreadful is this place.

This is the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

*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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



## Blessing

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

*The celebrant may bless the people. The deacon, or other leader, dismisses the people, saying in these or similar words,*

*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Postlude:

**Interim Dean: The Ven. David Selzer**  
**Interim Director of Music: Brad Barbeau**

**Prayer List:** The Very Rev Sharon Murdoch, The Rev Don Goodwin, Collin Stewart, John Bate, Dee Padfield, Kathy Anderson, Sandy, Jason, Allie and Dev Kauenhofen, Paul Robertson, Richard, Danielle Clarke, Sean Lovett, Ralph Brose, Gill Cleghorn, Joseph Mora, and all family, remembering the late Ayda (Papazyan) Mora, Jean Cruickshank and all family, remembering the late David Cruickshank.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for St. George's Children's Ministry, Rev Canon Barbara Stewart and all helpers; and we pray for the following households: Tim and Martha Duncan, Sarah Earl, Phil and Dorothy Edwards, Mary Egbowen, and their families.

**Readings for Ash Wednesday February 17**  
**Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Psalm 103:8-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21**

**Readings for next Sunday February 21 – First Sunday in Lent**  
**Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15**  
**Preacher: The Venerable David Selzer**

## Announcements

Notice is Hereby Given that the Annual Vestry Meeting for the Cathedral Church of St. George will take place on Sunday March 7, 2021 commencing at 1:30pm via Zoom only.

**Wednesday, February 17, Ash Wednesday,** Holy Eucharist at 12:15 noon and 7:00pm  
Parishioners are required to register through Eventbrite for the **7:00pm service**

**Sunday February 21, First Sunday in Lent**

**8:00am** Holy Communion, **9:15am** Eucharist, and **11:00am** Eucharist

Parishioners are required to register through Eventbrite for all services

**Tickets/Eventbrite:** Services again require tickets – please order your tickets through the Cathedral website at [www.stgeorgescathedral.ca](http://www.stgeorgescathedral.ca) (there is also a video on the website demonstrating how to order a ticket). If you do not have Internet access, please call the parish office at 613-548-4617 to reserve a space for the coming Sunday. Please make every effort to register by Thursday each week.

**Vestry Reports** – To all those responsible for a Cathedral Committee who have not already provided the office with their Annual Report, please be sure to submit your report by no later than **Tuesday February 16**. Thank you to all.

**Parish Council** meeting will take place on **Tuesday February 16 at 6:00pm**, Virtual only.

**2021 Offering Envelopes** – For members who have not already collected their box of offering envelopes for 2021 please contact Marg in the church office.

**Forward Day By Day** devotion booklets for February, March and April are available at the church office. Please call ahead to arrange to pick up.

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