

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11th, 2024

9:15 am



An Order for Holy Eucharist
Trinity Church, Swarthmore

*Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,
"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"*

~Mark 9:7

Welcome! This service is meant to be especially suitable for children and their friends, of any age. There is room in it for interaction and play, as well as unplanned sounds and events! Upon entering, children are invited to **take a plain "Prayer Card" and write or draw a prayer or thanksgiving**, which will be shared with all by the priest during the service. We encourage older persons to help younger persons with **reading (or memorizing) the words in bold**.

Within the rubrics of "An Order for Eucharist" in our Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, the form for worship for this service has been adapted from the "Eucharist for Creation and Redemption," A New Zealand Prayer Book, pp. 467-473.

This service **is not** livestreamed or recorded.

The Ministry of Word and Prayer

The People Gather

All standing, the presiding priest or minister says

Opening Acclamation

Presider Glory to you, O God,
People **who gives us the Way of life in Christ.**

Song of Praise "I want to walk as a child of the Light" *Hymnal 1982 #490, vv. 1-2*

1. **I want to walk as a child of the light,
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

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**In him there is no darkness at all,
The night and the day are both alike,
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2. **I want to see the brightness of God.
I want look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.**

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Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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 congregation sits.

The Proclamation

From the Epistles

2 Kings 2:4-12

Elijah said... "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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Song

"Jesus in the morning"

LEVAS #76, vv. 1-4

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| <p>1. Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus in the morning,
Jesus at the noontime,
Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus when the sun goes down.</p> | <p>2. Praise him, praise him...</p> <p>3. Love him, love him...</p> <p>4. Serve him, serve him...</p> |
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Gospel Proclamation

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Mark 9:2-9

Glory to you, O 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Children are invited forward for a children's message. Children are then asked to return to their seats to continue working on their Prayer Cards.

We Respond to the Good News

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

(ANZPB, pp. 413-414)

Children are invited to bring forward their Prayer Cards to be shared at the beginning of our prayers. We then enter into a litany of prayer, as follows.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.
Therefore in trust we pray for the Church:

Father, breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead all people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.
Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care for its resources.

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.
Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.
Help us have your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died.
Father, into your hands we commend them.
Comfort those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.
We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.
**Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

There is forgiveness for all who seek to live in the Spirit of mercy and love.

Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

We need your healing, merciful God.

**Some sins are plain to us, some escape us,
some we cannot face.**

Forgive us and help us turn to you.

Set us free to hear your word.

Set us free to serve you.

Receive God's forgiveness for you; forgive others; be at peace.

Amen.

Sharing in Christ's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace. Announcements follow.

The Ministry of the Lord's Table: Holy Communion

In this community, all are welcome at the Lord's table, the altar. All who are drawn to God in the way of Christ are welcome to receive the Host. Directions for receiving are found after the Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread.

Song of Offering

"Come, thou fount of every blessing"

Hymnal 1982 #686

1. **Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.**

2. **Here I find my greatest treasure;
Hither, by thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.**

3. **Oh, to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wan'dring heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.**

The Great Thanksgiving (*standing*)

(*various: ANZPB, EOW*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. In your Son Jesus, light which shines for all has come into the world.

He has become one with us,

so that we may become one with You.

Your child dwelt among us in justice and truth,
giving us grace and peace.

And so, we join with the angels and all the company of heaven as we sing:

(Sung to "Land of Rest")

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosannah in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosannah in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He allowed himself to be baptized by John in the Jordan River. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself,
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Be among us, O God, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ was promised,
Christ is born,
Christ will be with us again.**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come,
**we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

**In the fullness of time bring us with all your saints,
from every tribe and language
and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Song during Communion “Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord” *Hymnal 1982 #178*

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**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.**

1. **Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation.**
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2. **Spread the good news o’er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen.**
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4. **Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.**
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Prayer After Communion

**Creator of all, giver of life,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Born into the world, living among us,
dying and yet alive again,
he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

The Dismissal of the Community

A blessing may be given.

Sending Hymn

“This little light of mine”

LEVAS #221

1. **This little light of mine,
I’m gonna let it shine. (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
2. **Ev’ry where I go,
I’m gonna let it shine. (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

3. **Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine. (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

The congregation is sent out with these words

Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

All are invited...

to join the various programs and discussions as outlined in the announcements. Today, please join in the refreshments and activities for children and adults following this service.

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