



February 14, 2021 at 10 a.m.
Liturgy of the Word for the
Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to Christ Church!

Thank you for joining us. You can worship with us on [Facebook](#).

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy.

We are blessed because of your presence here, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. You are welcome here!



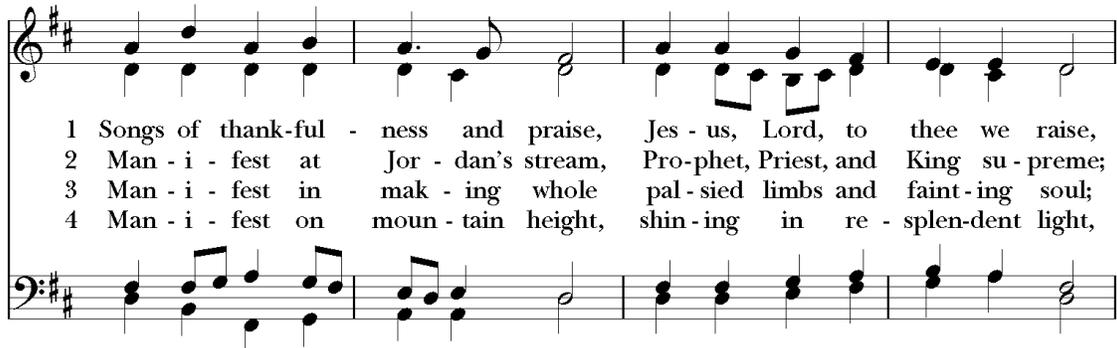
Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches

Welcome and Announcements

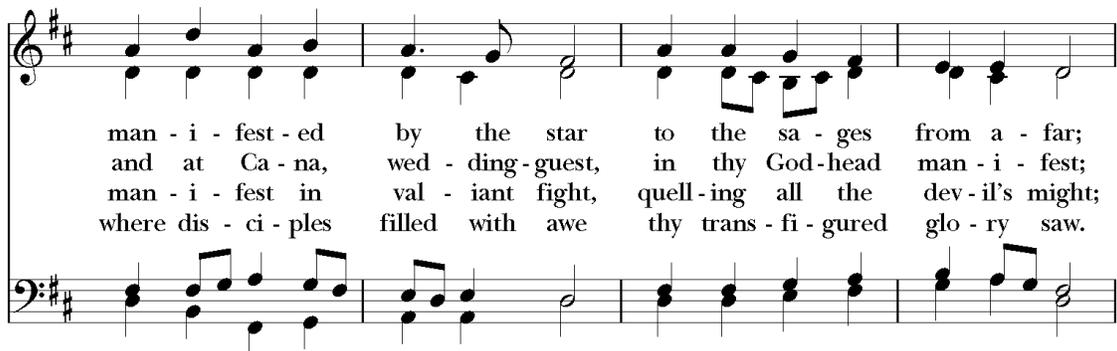
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Hymn 135 verses 1, 3, 4

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Tune: *Salzburg*
stz. 4 descant/harm. Charles Raines


1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant 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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is kept.

All Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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 LESSONS

The First Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-12

Lector 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 reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 69-70

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God shines forth in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before God there is a consuming flame, and round about a raging storm.

God calls the heavens and the earth from above *

to witness the judgment of the chosen people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *

for it is God who is judge.

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Lector 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 reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

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Hymn 134

O light of Light, Love given birth

Tune: *Jesu dulcis memoria*

1 O Light of Light, Love giv - en birth;
2 Two pro - phets, who had faith to see,
3 May all who seek to praise a - right

Je - sus, Re - deem - er of the earth:
with your e - lect found com - pan - y;
through pur - er lives show forth your light.

more bright than day your face did show,
the heavens a - bove your glo - ry named,
To you, the King of glo - ry, now

your rai - ment whit - er than the snow.
your Fa - ther's voice his Son pro - claimed.
all faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Laurence Housman (1865-1959), alt.
Music: *Jesu dulcis memoria*, plainsong, Mode 2, acc. James McGregor (b. 1930) Copyright ©1984, James McGregor. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant 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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

Please stand as comfortable, and able.

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 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

adapted from Times and Seasons, The Church of England

Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.

Intercessor We pray for the coming of God's kingdom. You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to the captives and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name. Holy One, by your Spirit

People bring in your kingdom.

Intercessor Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Holy One, by your Spirit

People bring in your kingdom.

Intercessor Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love. Holy One, by your Spirit

People bring in your kingdom.

Intercessor Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief. Holy One, by your Spirit

People bring in your kingdom.

Intercessor Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people. Holy One, by your Spirit

People bring in your kingdom.

Celebrant Holy One, use us, just as we are, to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice, love and peace. Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in your Son, that all our joy and delight may be to serve you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has 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,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Officiant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

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Offertory Anthem

The Transfiguration
The Christ Church Quartet

Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

After six days, Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother; and bringeth them up to a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun. And his raiment was white as the light. And behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye him.

A General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, p. 836

All Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

O wondrous type! O vision fair

Words: Latin, 15th c.;
tr. James Mason Neal (1818-1866)
text/tune pairing: Charles Raines

Tune: *Puer nobis*
mel. 15th c.,
adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry that the Church may share,
With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in--car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y;
O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er One,

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
and from the cloud, the Ho - ly One bears re - cored to the on - ly Son.
what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
for which in joy - ful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
vouch - safe to bring us by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Salem, Massachusetts
January 2021

Concluding Blessing

adapted from Times and Seasons, The Church of England

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May Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of the Divine glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of God’s kingdom; and the blessing God almighty—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Organ Postlude

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Chorale Prelude on “Songs of thankfulness and praise”

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the **Parishes of the Cape & Islands Deanery:** St. Mary's Church, Barnstable; St. Peter's-on-the-Canal, Buzzards Bay; St. Christopher's Church, Chatham; St. Andrew's Church, Edgartown; and Union of Black Episcopalians.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we prayer for Carter Memorial United Methodist Church and Town Meeting Members.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
Baby Allene Hayward, Agnes Myrtel Hayward & Jesse Heyward

Your prayers are requested for Gene, Margaret B. and family, Sharon, Tom C., Bob P., Marian G., Jeff M., Martin W., Richard, Leo, Sommer, Meghan, Jim, Linda, Sara Y., Carol M., Jenny, Geoff C., Kathryn M., Robert B., Jennifer P., Linda B., Kara J., Sarah, Gail, Thomas, Linda F., and Betsey. And prayer for all serving our country - especially, remembering Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Pamela Goody, Director of Music

Charles Raines, Organist

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Tim Lysaght, Broadcast Verger

And others to be named on air!

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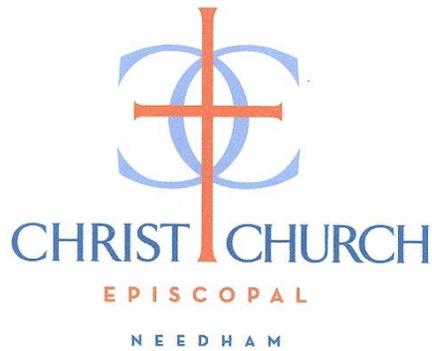
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