

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 11, 2024 8:45 am & 11:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book.

The Hymnal 1982 (H) is the blue book.

The service starts on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer.

PRELUDE: SERENADE FOR ORGAN BOURGEOIS

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

HYMN: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS!

H 460

Please remain standing.

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP 355

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider 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.



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE 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.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: 2 KINGS 2:1-12

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.

The lector closes the reading, saying

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence and stillness

THE PSALM: PSALM 50:1-6

Spoken at 8:45 and sung at 11:00



- The LORD, the God of | gods, has | spoken * and has called the earth from the rising of the | sün | to its | setting.
- Out of Zion, | perfect in its | beauty, *
 | God shines | forth in | glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will | not keep | silence; * before God there is a consuming flame, and round a- | bout a | raging | storm.
- God calls the heavens and the | earth from a- | bove * to witness the judgment | of the | chosen | people.
- 5 "Gather before me my | loyal | followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and | sealed it | with | sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the | rightness of God's | cause; * for | it is | God who is | judge.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

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.

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Silence and stillness

Children in second grade and below are invited to follow the cross and process to Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace to take Communion with their families.

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HYMN: CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

11:00 service only

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 9:2-9

Please stand

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

People Glory to you, Lord 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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand.

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

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our prayer list can be found online at www.tinyurl.com/stpaulsfay-prayer

Prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the Nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed.

Please add your intercessions aloud or in silence after each petition.

At the end of each petition, the following is said:

Litanist Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

People in the face of Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Silence may be kept.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE BCP 360

Please stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly announcements can be found online at www.stpaulsfay.org/s/epistle.pdf

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Gifts can be made online at www.tithe.ly/give?c=454227



8:45 ANTHEM: ALLELUIA BACH
11:00 ANTHEM: ALLELUIA HAGENBERG

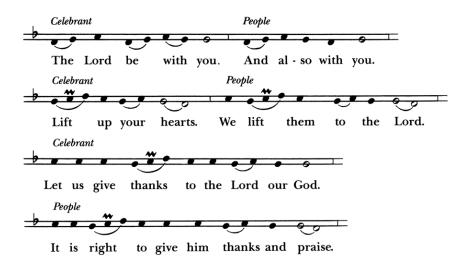
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Please stand.

Spoken at 8:45 and sung at 11:00

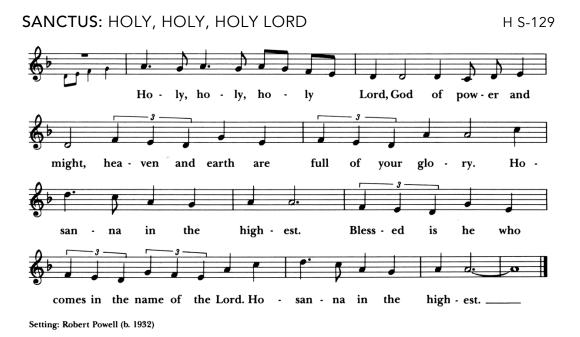


The Presider continues

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



Please stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

BCP 362

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

BCP 363

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all...

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Presider and People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

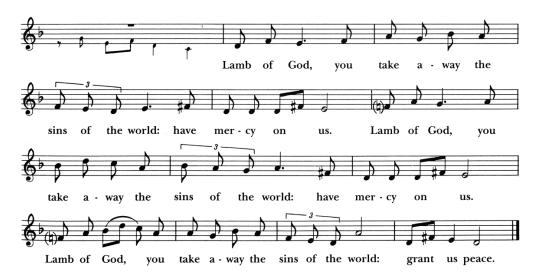
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

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

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your pilgrimage of faith, you are welcome in this place; you are welcome at God's table.

To receive Communion, come forward down the center aisle. Hand sanitizer is available. You may come up the chancel steps to the altar rail or receive at the floor station in front of the pulpit. If you need the clergy to bring Communion to your pew, please let an usher know. To receive the bread, extend your open palm to the minister. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice with your hand so that you can sip from the cup. You may also intinct/dip the bread into the wine if you prefer. If you prefer not to receive in either or both kinds, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intention. Return to your pew by the side aisles.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those joining us at home

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beg you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, 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.

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Minister In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these

holy gifts, that [names of recipients] may share with us the

communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread,

one Cup.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Please stand or kneel.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

HYMN: O WONDROUS TYPE! O VISION FAIR H 137

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

After the dismissal sentence

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: PRELUDE IN G MAJOR BWV 547 BACH

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