

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
ROSEVILLE, MN



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Year B

**January 31, 2021**

**10:30 AM**

## Welcome to Worship with St. Christopher's!

**Wednesday service** at 12:15 p.m. in the North Parking lot, in your car. 96.1 FM on the radio.

**Next Sunday's readings:** Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15. (*Lent 1, Year B*)

**Audio podcasts of sermons** are available online at our website. Please click on WORSHIP, and then Sermons. Links to previous Sundays' recordings are on the same page.

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## Prelude

## The Word of God

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

*Said by all:* **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

*Said by all:*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* 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 people sit.*

## **The Lessons**

### **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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

**The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \***

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

**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \***

**God reveals himself in glory.**

**Our God will come and will not keep silence; \***

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

**He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his 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 God himself is judge.**

## **A Reading from the Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth [4:3-6]**

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

## **The Gospel—Mark 9:2-9**

*Clergy:* 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.

*Clergy:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Marilyn Baldwin

*The people stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Form 3, Book of Common Prayer p. 387*

*Deacon or other leader*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Confession**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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**

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

*The people stand*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The people sit.*

## **Greetings & Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367*

*The people stand.*

*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.**

*The Celebrant 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:

*Celebrant and People*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Christopher and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

## **The Invitation**

*Celebrant:* 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.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

*The Clergy says the dismissal.*

*The People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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### **Thursday Ministries**

Readers: Ann Trapnell  
Sue Triebenbach  
Intercessor: Chris Mayr

### **Sunday Ministry (2/14/21)**

Altar Guild: Ann Trapnell

## **Faith Formation**

**Children's Sunday School Zoom** at 9:30 AM Sundays.

**Adult Formation/Video Coffee Hour Via Zoom** at 8 AM Sundays.

## **Snow Shoveling Helpers Needed**

**GOOD NEWS!** We have hired our snow plowing service to do the sidewalks and entryways when they are here to plow (2 inches or more). Volunteers are needed only for the lighter snowfalls, and mid-day snow clean up. SO... let us know if you can take a week of Shoveling the sidewalks. Available weeks are listed below. We'll do a week of Monday-Sunday. Please email or call Ruth in the office and let her know what week you are available.

[office@stchristophers-mn.org](mailto:office@stchristophers-mn.org) or 651-633-4589 (M-Th).

**Available Dates:** March 1-7; 8-14; 15-21; 22-28; April 5-11.

## **Ash Wednesday Service Offerings**

Please join us on **February 17 at 12:15 PM** for **Worship and Imposition of Ashes** in the Parking Lot (weather permitting!), or **"Drive Through Ashes"** at the North Entry from **4-6 PM**.

## **Sunday Service Recordings**

**Sunday Service** recordings can be found on the front page of our website, and on our FaceBook page. If you have missed a week, they are "archived" with the Sermons on the website. You can find the order of service (bulletin) for each week under Visit/Publications.

## **Offering Envelopes**

**Offering Envelopes for 2021** are available in the church office! Stop by (with your mask) any Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm to pick yours up. OR, call (or email) the office to request that we mail your envelopes to you.

Please keep your pledge up to date. Thank you!

## **Lent Food Drive and Prayers**

This Lent, you will be invited to be part of an intergenerational space of reflection and giving. In partnership with Keystone, we will be organizing a daily collection of needed items for individuals and families to do in their homes. A prayer or reflection, composed by a member of our community, will accompany each day. You will have a choice as to how you want to participate, as well. You can commit to doing all 40 days, just a couple days/week, or just during Holy Week. This will be structured so that all individuals and families will have the opportunity to participate. The youth team has been sending out emails inviting people to consider taking a day during Lent, to create a prayer or devotion. Thank you to those who have responded already! If you are interested in participating but didn't receive a message from us, please do not hesitate to reach out to us; we'd love to have you included (and we have 40 days to fill!!). Contact Chad at [chad@stchristophers-mn.org](mailto:chad@stchristophers-mn.org).

## ***Parish Prayer List***

***Please pray for our Members and Friends who are in Acute need:***

*Dave Stewart*

***Please pray for our Shut Ins and Members with ongoing needs:***

Mary Barkley	Pamela Case	Barb Swanson
Jerry Baxter	Harold Danley	Jean Swesey
Jean Brandt	Michael Elsen	Evelynne Thompson
Dan Brown	Don Horton	Joe Westenfield
Dennis Buechler	Ken Ives	Marliss Westenfield
Ruth Buechler	Marcia Rockwood	Barb Wilkinson
Betty Carr	Dave Stewart	Roberta Williams

***Please pray for our family and friends with ongoing needs:***

Mary Henne, Bob & Bonnie, Rev. Peter Brown, Barbara Brown, Brian Hogan, Carol Haskin, Allison & Beth, Dan B., Bonnie, Lois Purrington, Gretchen Glueck, Savannah Rausch, Jerry, Renee Forst, Jack Cork, Olivia McLoughlin, Elizabeth Bergum, Steve & Pam, Kirk Ingram, Amy, Marmie, Ann, Russ Amling, Sue Hitchcock, Jim VonDeLinde, Brenda Beard Conley, Conner Eischens, Merle Anderson, Jan Holte, Dave Waring, Sydney Eischens, Kit Corti, Russell Hitchcock, Nancy Kersten, Missy Peterson.

**Pray for all who have died.**

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer,** please pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

**In the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of prayer,** please pray for Province VI of the Episcopal Church, including Colorado; Iowa; Minnesota, The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya, Bishop; Montana; Nebraska; North Dakota; South Dakota; and Wyoming. Please pray for those who serve on the Council as Mission Area Team members, the Trustees, the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry, the Disciplinary Board, the Chancellors, and for the Treasurer of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. Pray also for Saints Martha and Mary faith community in Eagan.

**Please pray** for children caught in crisis at our borders, and around the world. Please pray for our neighbors who are refugees and immigrants. Please pray for President Biden and Vice President Harris, and the Congress of the United States. Please pray for the victims of the Coronavirus, and for the caregivers and first responders who care for them. Please pray for world peace, and justice for all people.

**Please pray** also for our enemies and for those who wish us harm.

**In Thanksgiving:** we give thanks for the ministries of our members as they continue to live as the Church away from our building.

**We remember** those who celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

*16 Cora Lacher, Julia Lacher, 20 Jackson Humes*

*17 Robert & Gesine Addyman, Jr.*



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