

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 11, 2024, 9:30 am



The Adoration of the Magi by Benvenuto di Giovanni

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude

"Voluntary" by T. Tomkins

Welcome & Announcements

Anne Jacobs

Opening Hymn, #7

Christ whose glory fills the sky

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Gloria, #898

Wonder, Love, and Praise

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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 God 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 Lessons

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12

John Perkins

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God**

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his 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 his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

John Perkins

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's churches

People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn, #129

Christ upon the mountain peak

The Hymnal 1982

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant The Holy Gospel according to Mark

People **Glory to you, O God.**

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Choir Anthem

“From the Rising of the Sun” by F. Ouseley

*From the rising of the sun
unto the going down of the same
my name shall be great, among the Gentiles;
and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name:
for my name shall be great among the heathen,
thus saith the Lord!*

The Apostles' Creed

*Celebrant
People*

Joining with the faithful of all generations, let us confess our faith:

**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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of the People

Mary Curlew

Leader

Gracious Lord, you have called us to follow you; help us be responsive to your call to step forward where you lead. Accept our prayers of concern for your church, the world, ourselves and others. Accept also, we pray, our thanks and praise for all that is good in our lives. In all we do, let us hear your voice:

People

Give us grace to respond to your call.

O God, you have called your Church to be merciful. May your Church be known by the love we show and the grace we speak. We pray for all people of faith who worship at their peril due to persecution and war. I invite your petitions for the Church, either silently or aloud: (pause for intercessions). Lord, let us hear your voice:

Give us grace to respond to your call.

We pray, O Lord, for our nation as it directs its attention to an election of presidential leadership, that a spirit of wisdom, integrity and generosity might prevail. We also pray for the world's leaders, that peace may be established on earth. (pause for intercessions either silently or aloud). Lord, let us hear your voice:

Give us grace to respond to your call.

We recognize that we take your creation for granted. Forgive us and teach us to be good stewards. Pray, beloveds, for our precious earth: (pause for intercessions either silently or aloud). Lord, let us hear your voice:

Give us grace to respond to your call.

O God, we lift to you the poor, the hungry and those who are homeless in Maine; we also remember those in war torn parts of the world whose basic needs are not being met: (pause for intercessions either silently or aloud). Lord, let us hear your voice:

Give us grace to respond to your call.

Bless, gracious Lord, those who are sick and those who are brokenhearted. Give to all the comfort of your peace. Pray, beloveds, for those in need of God's healing this day:

Charles; Pat; Matthew; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Courtney; Diane; Karl; Sudon; Aunt Niki; Ron; Nathaniel; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Samantha; Sam; Hutch; Debra; Haskell; Hannah; Sue; Deb; Don; Hazel; Matilda; Gregory; Mary Jane; Michael Curry; and Beth.

Are there others we wish to commend to God at this time? (pause for intercessions either silently or aloud). Lord, let us hear your voice:

Give us grace to respond to your call.

We remember before you those loved ones who have gone before us, and are now in your blessed presence. Pray, beloveds, for those who have died: (pause for intercessions either silently or aloud). In life, as in death, Lord, let us hear your voice:

Give us grace to respond to your call.

We thank you, Lord, for the many blessings of this life. I invite you to give thanks for all that makes our hearts glad this day: Please share your thanksgivings with the congregation as you are comfortable. (pause for thanksgivings either silently or aloud). Lord, let us hear your voice:

Give us grace to respond with thanksgiving.

Celebrant Help us to hear your voice and give us courage to go where you lead this week, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior.
Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Gracious God,
People **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
People **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with those around them.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)
Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

At this time, the bread and wine are brought forward. The ushers will collect the offering.

Offertory Hymn, #133 O light of light *The Hymnal 1982*

The offering is brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to Christ our Sovereign.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you are the fulfilment of all our searching.

Since the time you created all things
you have had a plan
— hidden in mystery through the ages —
to draw all the world into one body,
and to share with all peoples your promises of glory.

And now the light has risen,
the mystery is made known:
your beloved child, Jesus, is revealed to the whole world
as Savior and Redeemer,
and as the King who reigns in justice and peace.
You made him known first
to the magi from the east,
who came to pay him homage,
though they knew of him only what the silent stars could tell.

And now, you draw us again to the feet of Jesus
— the crucified and risen Christ —
to offer our gifts of praise to the light of the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise
your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus, #851

Wonder, Love, and Praise

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

O God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendor and light. You have called all creation into being, setting the earth on its foundations. You have spread out the heavens like a tent, and set a boundary to the seas. You have filled the world with your creatures and called all things good.

In these latter days, you leaned toward the earth and spoke to us by a Son, Jesus the Beloved. Born of our sister Mary and the Holy Spirit, guarded by our brother Joseph with fatherly care, Jesus came among us as a baby, humbly born, cradled beside the animals and warmed by their breath, human as we are, in need of human love.

Yet kings bowed down before him, bringing gifts, and emperors were troubled by his reign – this Child in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. As a servant, Jesus emptied himself of might upon the cross, and as the risen one is enthroned at God's right hand to bring mercy and justice to all the earth at the end of days.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

So, rejoicing in all God has done for us, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy God, as you visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these gifts of bread and wine. Make them to be for us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth. Shine your grace, brighter than starlight, on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel – God-With-Us.

Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant
People

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,	
Our Father in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be your Name,	who sin against us.
your kingdom come,	Save us from the time of trial,
your will be done,	and deliver us from evil.
on earth as in heaven.	For the kingdom, the power,
Give us today our daily bread.	and the glory are yours,
Forgive us our sins	now and for ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant
People

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

Celebrant Come! For all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearers will follow the Priest with the chalice of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup but not to dip. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

Music at Communion, #136 O wondrous type

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People **Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant May God give to you and to all those you love
God's comfort and peace,
God's light and joy,
in this world and the next;
and the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all, now and always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"O God beyond all praising" by Michael Perry and Gustav Holst
(see next page)

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth into the world, sharing the light of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

"Ecce Ergo" by Peter Cornet

O God Beyond All Praising



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture th'e-ter-nal seed is sown -
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at— bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end.
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word;
for Christ, the Man from heav-en, from death has set us free,
to mar-vel at your beau-ty, and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise!

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A/V	Dan Hudkins
Bread Baker	Peter Sillin
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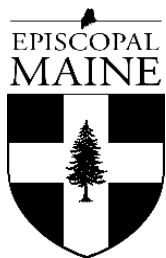
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