



# The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

February 14, 2021

## The Word of God

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### Collect for Purity

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

### Song of Praise

*Holy holy holy*

### 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 First Reading

*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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord*

**People**      **Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm**

*Psalm 50:1-6*

- 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.

## The Second Reading

*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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord  
**People** Thanks be to God

## The Gospel Reading

*Mark 9:2-9*

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*  
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.

*After the Gospel, the Priest says*  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

**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 worshipped 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 III

*After each bidding, you may offer your own prayers aloud.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Confession and Absolution

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

**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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Peace

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All** And also with you.

## The Offertory

*Listen*

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

**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 him thanks and praise.

**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:

**All** 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.

**Celebrant** 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**All** Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death.**  
**We proclaim his resurrection.**  
**We await his coming in glory.**

**Celebrant** 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 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** As our savior Christ taught us, we now pray  
**All** **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 for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread**

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**Celebrant** The Gifts of God for the People of God

*All who are baptized, regardless of age or denomination are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, or prefer not to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Please know that there is real wine in the cup; you do not have to receive both bread and wine in order to participate in communion. If you would like to talk about baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to Mtr. Tracey. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**All** 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.

**Blessing**

**Closing Song**  
*Psalm 51*

**Dismissal**

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

1st: Norah Lindsey Jackson  
 3rd: Charlotte Noel  
 4th: Carolyn Deakins  
 5th: Natalie Buckner  
 6th: Robert Brown  
 9th: Tommy Smith  
 10th: Belinda King  
 11th: Charlie Duesterhoft  
 13th: Andrew Duncalfe  
 14th: George Noel  
 15th: Jessica Sanders  
 15th: Sarah Watson  
 16th: Wanda Ellis  
 28th: Jonathan Roberts

**Ash Wednesday: In-Person Service**  
 Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00 PM

### Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase Easter Lilies or Azaleas for Easter Sunday, **April 4, 2021** please pick up and fill out the form in the entryway of the church. Place your check noted "Easter Lilies" or "Azaleas" and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: **Lilies \$10.00 & Azaleas \$15.00**

### Longview Community Ministries

They are the principal organization in Longview that helps people with all sorts of emergency services, including food. They have asked us to help by donating canned fruits and vegetables during this season when food bank donations are down, and the need for services has increased. We will have a basket in the Narthex for ongoing donations. Please donate if you are able.

## This Sunday's Servers

**Danny's Team:** Bryan White  
**Greeter:** David Brown  
**Lector:** Frank Supercinski  
**Sound Board:** Harrison Brown  
**Ushers:** Jerry Ritchie  
**Vestry People:** Robyn Murphy, David Brown  
**Worship Tech:** Gabriel Duncalfe

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Troy
- Aaron, Roni, & Keith
- Lorraine
- Pete & Margie

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering. Or, send an email with your request to: [prayer@smaalongview.org](mailto:prayer@smaalongview.org)

**\*\* Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. \*\***

## Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
01/10/21	\$6,112	\$2,946	\$3,166
01/17/21	\$2,080	\$2,946	-\$866
01/24/21	\$1,190	\$2,946	-\$1,756
01/31/21	\$995	\$2,946	-\$1,951
02/07/21	\$7,930	\$2,946	\$4,984
YTD TOTALS	\$18,925	\$17,679	\$1,246

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (02/21)

**Danny's Team:** Frank Supercinski  
**Greeter:** Susan Kuhlman  
**Lector:** Mary Lynn Dawes  
**Sound Board:** Harrison Brown  
**Ushers:** David Brown  
**Vestry People:** Laura Buckner, David Brown  
**Worship Tech:** Rhys Duncalfe

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