

MORNING PRAYER RITE TWO

Sunday, February 15, 2026

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Processional Hymn 7: “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph over shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear!
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day’s return till thy mercy’s beams I see;
as they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley

Opening Sentence (BCP 78)

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin (BCP 79)

Rector: 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.

Leader: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Invitatory and Psalter (BCP 80)

Leader: Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Venite, *Psalms 95:1-7*, (BCP 82, S 35)

All: **Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Psalm Appointed (Psalm 2, BCP 586)

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, *
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

The First Lesson

Reader: A reading from the book of Exodus. (24:12-18)

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written

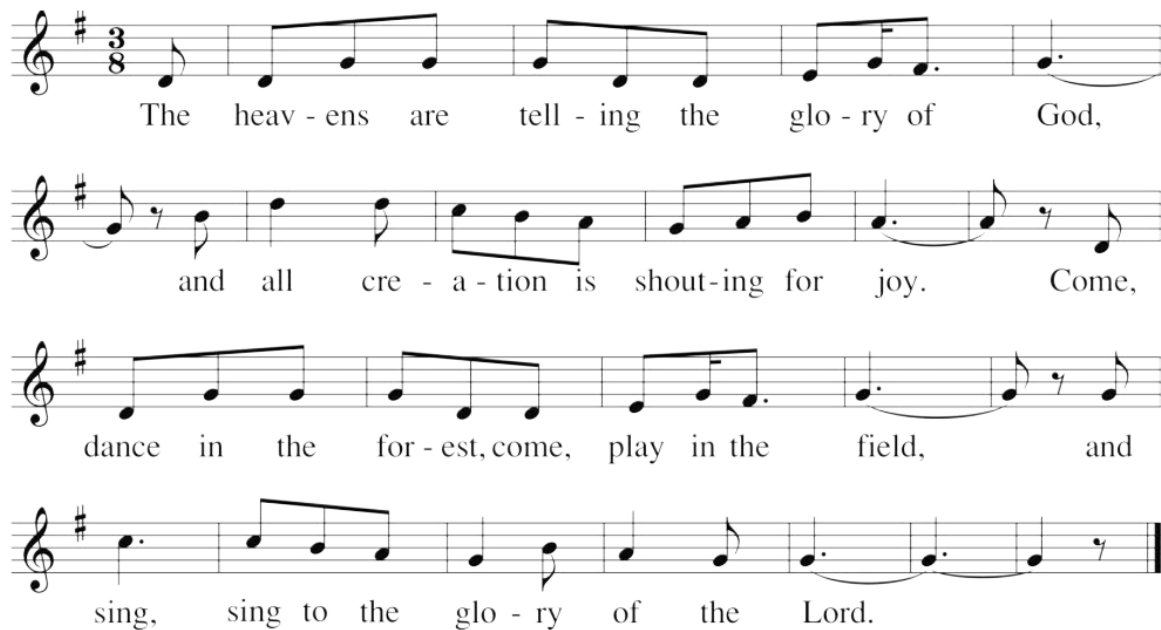
for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle of the Sun

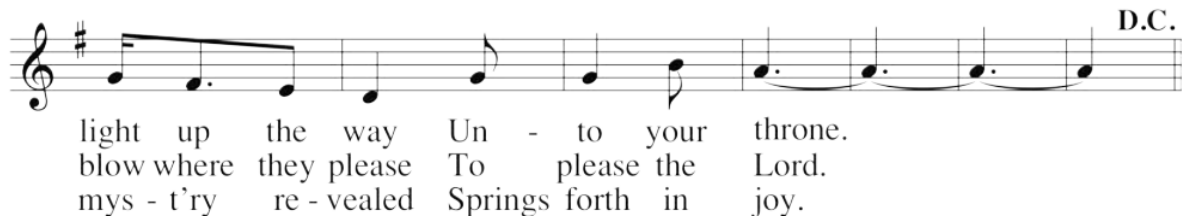


Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas' might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our





The Second Lesson

Lay Reader: A reading from the second letter of Peter. (1:16-21)

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: “My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God, my heart pours out its praise !
 2. My God has done great things for me: Yes, ho - ly is God's Name.
 3. From age to age to all who fear, such mer - cy love im - parts,
 4. Love casts the migh - ty from their thrones, pro - motes the in - se - cure,
 5. Praise God, whose lov - ing co - ve - nant sup - ports those in dis - tress,

1. God lift - ed up my low - li - ness in ma - ny mar - ve - lous ways.
 2. All peo - ple will de - clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
 3. Dis - pen - sing jus - tice far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
 4. Leaves hun - gry spi - rits sa - tis - fied; the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
 5. Re - mem - ber - ing past pro - mi - ses with pre - sent faith - ful - ness.

Sequence Hymn 129: “Christ upon the mountain peak” (v 1, 2)

1. Christ upon the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him. Alleluia!
2. Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting. Alleluia!

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (17:1-9)

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn 129: “Christ upon the mountain peak” (v 3, 4)

3. Swift the cloud of glory came. God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as his Son by name! Nations cry aloud in wonder! Alleluia!
4. This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets fade before him;
first and last and only One, let creation now adore him! Alleluia!

Words: Brian A. Wren

Sermon Rev. Jon Greene

The Apostles' Creed (BCP 96)

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
Virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again 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.

The Prayers (BCP 97)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages A (BCP 97)

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**
Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Leader: Let your way be known upon earth;
People: **Your saving health among all nations.**
Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

Leader: 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.**

The Collect for Grace (BCP 100)

Leader: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission (BCP 101)

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those

who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace (BCP 360)

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 602: “Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love”

Chorus: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as slave to them. *Chorus*
- 2 Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Chorus*
- 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you. *Chorus*
- 4 Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we were slaves;
this is the way we should live with you. *Chorus*

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble, alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall, alt.

Doxology (Hymn 380, v 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

General Thanksgiving (BCP 101)

All: **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give
you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and
to all whom you have made.**

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom (BCP 102)

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Hymn 137: “O wondrous type!”

1. O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory that the Church may share,
 which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
2. With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate Lord holds converse high;
 and from the cloud, the Holy One bears record to the only Son.
3. With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest today
 what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
4. And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery;

for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

5. O Father, with the eternal Son, and Holy Spirit, ever One,
vouchsafe to bring us by thy grace to see thy glory face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale, alt.

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Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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