



*The Prophet Elisha and Naaman, Lambert Jacobsz (1598 - 1636), The Hermitage, St. Petersburg, Russia*

*Last Sunday after Epiphany  
February 11, 2024 — 9:00 am*

## *Christ Church*

*(Episcopal / Anglican)*

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II, Prayer C Year B**  
February, 2024 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude “*Agincourt Hymn*” Dunstable

Processional Hymn 135 “*Songs Of Thankfulness*”

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

*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.***

**The Gloria** S-280 “*Glory to God in the highest*”

**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 Lessons**

**A Reading (Lesson) from 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.

*Reader:*           The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 50:1-6**   *Deus deorum*

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.*

### **A Reading (Lesson) from 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **The Gospel Hymn 124 “What Star Is This?”**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**Mark 9:2-9**

*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.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie Mazzacano, *Deacon*

**The Nicene Creed** (*Sung to the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing 686 or Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 657*)

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan,  
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.  
Jesus infant born of Mary He grew up in Galilee.

From the water with John the Baptist, He began his ministry.  
Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.,  
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven’s king to rule and reign,  
to the Father’s side ascended. till as judge he comes again.  
We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above;  
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,. Christ our Savior,  
Lord and friend. we shall rise with him in glory.  
to the life that knows no end.

### **Prayers of the People for Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

*Presider:* Let us pray for all peoples in the church and the world who need mercy, justice, and peace.

*Reader:* For the church and all who teach the truth of God, especially, Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our

Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Donald our Priest, Leslie our Deacon. For The Revs: Canon Dr. Kevin Moroney, Angela Cipolla, Robert Counselman, Glenn Druce, The Episcopal Church at Princeton University, Campus Ministry at Rutgers, Clergy and Lay Deputies of the 240th Diocesan Convention, the Balloting Committee, and for all the holy people of God.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, especially Joseph the President of the United States, and Phillip the Governor of NJ, for the nations in strife of Ukraine and the Middle East and their leaders, and for those who guard the peace.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this world and for the sharing of health and healing.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those stigmatized as unclean, and for those who touch and heal them.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who practice the medical arts, and for physicians of the spirit.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are sick and in need of prayer, especially, *Ruth, Sharon, Austin, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Naomi, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Sam, Don, Ted* and for the dying and the dead, especially *Joyce Morozin, Katie Bednarek, Marie Dorothy Salmon, Renee Gabrielle Caster*, and *Dorothy & William*.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For ourselves and all those we love.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

***To you, O Lord.***

*Presider:* God, who sends us to wash in the river of healing, hear the prayers we offer you this day and enable us to proclaim your good

news and spread the word of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon:* 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 Priest, stands and says:* 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 Peace** *(All stand.)*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

**Offertory Music** *“Prayer”*

Mozart

**The Doxology** *(Hymnal 380 Verse 3)*

*All: Praise God of whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above the heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen*

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Rite II Form C*

*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.***

*Celebrant*: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People*: ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy Holy, Holy Lord** (*Hymnal S-130* )

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

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

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

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***



*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say ***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.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

### **Invitation**

Anointing for Healing is available for yourself or for others you may name. This is for all kinds of healing: physical, emotional, spiritual. To indicate that you wish to be anointed, when you come to communion, raise your hands. Tell Fr. Don the name of the person for whom you wish to be anointed, if that is the case.

**Communion Music** “We Will Give Thanks” Ashford

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* **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.**

**Birthday Blessings**

**Anniversary Blessings**

**Announcements**

**Final Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn** 400 “All Creatures Of Our God And King”

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them*

*People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Organ Postlude** “Festal Flourish”

Jacob

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**Participating in the 9am. Service**

*Guest Organist:* Fred Astmann    *Lector:* Diane Wachter

*Acolyte:* Jeff Mack, Fred Hill    *Ushers:* Harry Shea, Bill Wilson

*Videographer:* Bob Engel    *Altar Guild:* Terri Bradshaw, Robin Vetter

*Counters:* Don Dietz, Bob Engle

**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY** are in memory of *Katie Bednarek*, in remembrance of 9 years without you! Miss you!, by Joe, Denise & Joseph Bednarek, in memory of *Marie Dorothy Salmon*, by The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon, and in loving memory of my daughter, *Renee Gabrielle Caster*, for her birthday, Feb. 25, 1995, by Cheryl Stevens Caster & family

**THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT** is lit in memory of *Katie Bednarek* on the 9th anniversary of her passing by Joe, Denise & Joseph Bednarek, and in memory of *Dorothy & William Mack* by Helen, Jeff & Ken Mack



**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** will take place on Tuesday, February 13. Cost will be a donation of \$10.00 for adults and children under 10 are free. Serving times are 5-7:00 p.m. Tell your family and friends. Proceeds benefit the Tri-borough Ministerium’s Ministry for Housing to those in need. If you can help fill out the sign up sheet and give it to Mel Caron,

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

7:00 a.m. (very brief, with ashes)

Noon (very brief with ashes)

7:00 p.m. full Service, with ashes

*Ash  
Wednesday*

## **FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY**

February 20, Noon to 2pm Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND STUDY.** We will begin having our Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesday, February 21 in the Rectory. Our study will be based on the book “Words Around the Fire” which takes a closer look and study of the readings from the Easter Vigil.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our annual Women’s Retreat on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Our theme this year will be based on Mary Ellen Ashcroft’s book The Spirited Women.

**MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES** - On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants.

**MEN’S GROUP** - We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am (so you can still have your day), and we will talk about the things that are important for a man’s spiritual life. It’s an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too. All men are invited!

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN** recognizes those young people who continue to serve their churches and communities with their Student Service Award. High School Seniors who attend churches in the Diocese of New Jersey are eligible to apply, as are those students who will be enrolled in undergraduate studies during the coming academic year. Applications and supporting materials as detailed in the application are due by **April 30**, and may be submitted by mail or email as noted on the application.<https://dioceseofnj.org/ecw-student-service-award>.



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