THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

Sunday, February 14, 2021
10:15 AM

SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH
STREAMING FROM SOUTH CAMPUS
Welcome to all gathered here today

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Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Edward Perronet (1726-1792)
"Coronation" by Oliver Holden (1765-1844)

1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
   praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
   bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:
   the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!
   praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

3. Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
   to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Presider says

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

Canticle 20: Gloria in excelsis Glory to God: The Hymnal 1982-Service Music: S-280

Glorry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, HeaVen-ly King, Al-might-y God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

Reader A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

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 answered, “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.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Reader A reading from Paul’s letter to the church in Corinth.

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.
Priest 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.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Lisa Biersch Cole
THE NICENE CREED
All stand as able to affirm our faith by saying together 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

Celebrant

O God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with you, we offer our prayers for the transformation of the world and the church.

Intercessor

Let us hear your voice as we kneel in awe before you. May we not be the same, after recognizing your glory.

Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

Speak to us of peace. Call us to work for justice and to care for the welfare of all your children: in our homes, in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, in your Church, in the world. Shine your light in the dark places of our lives and in this world.

Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

Call us to be a compassionate and prayerful presence for those whose hearts ache from grief, whose souls are weary or wounded. Overshadow us with your awesome presence. Walk down from the mountaintop with us, and walk before us into the places you would have us serve as witnesses to your healing and love.

Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us endure faithfully in the practice of intercession, as we continue our petitions.

(Special intentions of the congregation are added here.)

Celebrant

You revealed your glory and presence in your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today, free us from all doubts, and empower us to act as a transfigured people. Amen.
**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

*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.

**ABSOLUTION**

*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.  

**THE PEACE**

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

*People*  And also with you.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Prayers of Thanksgiving for Healings and Prayers Answered, and unexpected blessings.

For Healing:
O Lord, your compassions never fail and your mercies are renewed every morning: We give you thanks for giving our brother (sister) N. both relief from pain and hope of health renewed. Continue in (them), we pray, the good work you have begun; that (they), daily increasing in bodily strength, and rejoicing in your goodness, may so order (their) life and conduct that (they) may always think and do those things that please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we give you humble thanks because you have been graciously pleased to deliver from his sickness your servant N., in whose behalf we bless and praise your Name. Grant, O gracious Father, that he through your help, may live in this world according to your will, and also be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Prayers Answered:
Almighty God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son’s Name: We pray mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto you; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Birthdays and other celebrations

Watch over your children O Lord, as their days increase bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Christ our Lord. Amen
Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

As the gifts are transferred to the table, this psalm is sung. The consecrated bread is placed on the table or if on the table already, uncovered.

The Offertory

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

The Hymnal 1982, #7

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
2 Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
3 Vis it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night:
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,
Fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy self display, shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: Ratisbon, melody from Geystliche gesangk Buchley, 1524;
adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The Prayer over the Pre-sanctified Gifts

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  O God of creation, you are always with us, you blow among us, you unite us in your love; and so we praise you and we bless you.

People  We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, God most high.

Celebrant  Your son Jesus finds each separate heart, he gathers us together, he welcomes us all into communion; and so we praise and bless you.

People  We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, God most high.

Celebrant  Your beloved community has met in prayer to reveal Christ in this bread and wine; and now we meet once more to praise and bless you.

People  We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, God most high.

Celebrant  Show us gathered here that we too are Christ’s body joined to all your human family throughout the ages in your love. Feed us, inspire us, fill us with Christ’s life that we may fill our lives with you. Make this sharing radiant with your presence and send us out into the world to shine forth your truth to all we pray in Jesus’ name.

People  AMEN.

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

Celebrant and People

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.
Celebrant  Holy things for holy people.

People  One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ to the glory of God our father.

Everyone shares the bread, both in the church building and at home. When all have received, any remaining bread is put away.

COMMUNION HYMN

Oh Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

The Hymnal 1982, # 137

1  O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory
2  With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate
3  With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to
4  And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great
5  O Father, with the eternal Son, and Holy

1 that the Church may share, which Christ upon the
2 Lord holds converse high; and from the cloud, the
3 manifest today what glory shall be
4 vision’s mystery; for which in joyful
5 Spirit, ever One, vouchsafe to bring us

1 mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
2 Holy One bears record to the only Son.
3 theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
5 by thy grace to see thy glory face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848-1866), alt.
Celebrant

O gracious God, whose Christ stretched out arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth: We give you thanks for feeding us with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, which is the sign and instrument of our common life, the food of our pilgrimage, the foretaste of that heavenly banquet of which we shall partake with all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Closing Hymn

Christ is the world’s true light

The Hymnal 1982, #542

1 Christ is the world’s true Light, its Captain of salvation,
the Day-star clear and bright of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting;
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
to plough-share beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear,
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959),
alt. Music: St Joan, Percy B. Collier (1895-?)
**The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God’s blessing be with you always. Amen. (source: from Saint Clare)

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant*  
Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*  
**Thanks be to God.**
Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God
Serving Sunday February 14, 2021
Celebrant: The Reverend Lisa Biersch Cole
Music Director and Organist: Margaret Burke
LEM: Rebekah Hays Estera
Lectors: Jack Rauch and Sue Mazique
Intercessor: Diane FitzGibbon
Altar Guild: Alison Tudury and Norma Liedtke

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