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**The Last Sunday After The Epiphany**  
**Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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**Prelude**

**Organ**

**Processional**      *"When Morning Gilds The Skies" (vs 1,2,5)*

**Hymnal 427**

1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare with:  
Jesus Christ be praised!

5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,  
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!

God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore  
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

***Greetings by Fr. Steve***

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**The Word of God**

**BCP 355**

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

People:      ***And blessed be God's 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 (sung)**

**BCP 356/Hymnal S-280**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. 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. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## **The Collect Of The Day**

**BCP 217**

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 Old Testament Lesson**

Lector: A Reading 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 50:1-6** *Deus deorum*

**BCP 654**

- 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 Epistle**

Lector: A Reading 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Processional**     *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies” (vs 1,2)*     **Hymnal 7**

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.

*At the Gospel reading:*

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Recessional**     *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies” (vs 1,2)*     **Hymnal 7**

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.

*A moment of reflection follows*

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries/Deployments

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**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.**

**Prayers of the People- Form I**

**BCP 383**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, *“Lord have Mercy.”*

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord have mercy.***

For this city, Killeen, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of St. Christopher and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence (Please freely add your own petitions)*

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**BCP 360**

*Silence may be kept.*

**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 Absolution**

**BCP 360**

Celebrant: 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** *(shared by waving, smiling, peace signs, etc., from one's pew)*

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

People: ***And also with you.***

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**BCP 377**

Celebrant: Offer to God, as you can, a sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

*(Feel free to drop any offering in the plate at the rear, as you leave today.)*

*(The Priest prepares the Table)*

### **Offertory Hymn**

**Piano/Organ**

### **The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 361**

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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son 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.

## **The Sanctus (spoken)**

*Celebrant and People say, together:*

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

*A brief silence is kept.*

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

BCP 364/Hymnal S-154

Celebrant:   
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People:   
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

  
there - fore let us keep the feast.

  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Draw near, *either in spirit or in person*, and receive the body  
of our Savior Jesus Christ, in remembrance that Christ died for  
us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn**      “Alleluia No. 1” (vs 1-5)      **Songs of Praise 4**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o’er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
Life for all men, alleluia! *Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain.*

**Communion Hymn**      “Alleluia, Sing To Jesus” (vs 1-3)      **Songs of Praise 203**

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone;  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation hath redeemed us by His blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us, Faith believes, nor questions how:  
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

**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.**

## The Blessing

BCP 339

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with each of you, always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn *“All Creatures Of Our God And King” (vs 1,4,7)* Hymnal 400

1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams,

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way;

O praise him, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,

O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## The Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## Postlude

## Organ



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