

HOLY EUCHARIST

February 14, 2021

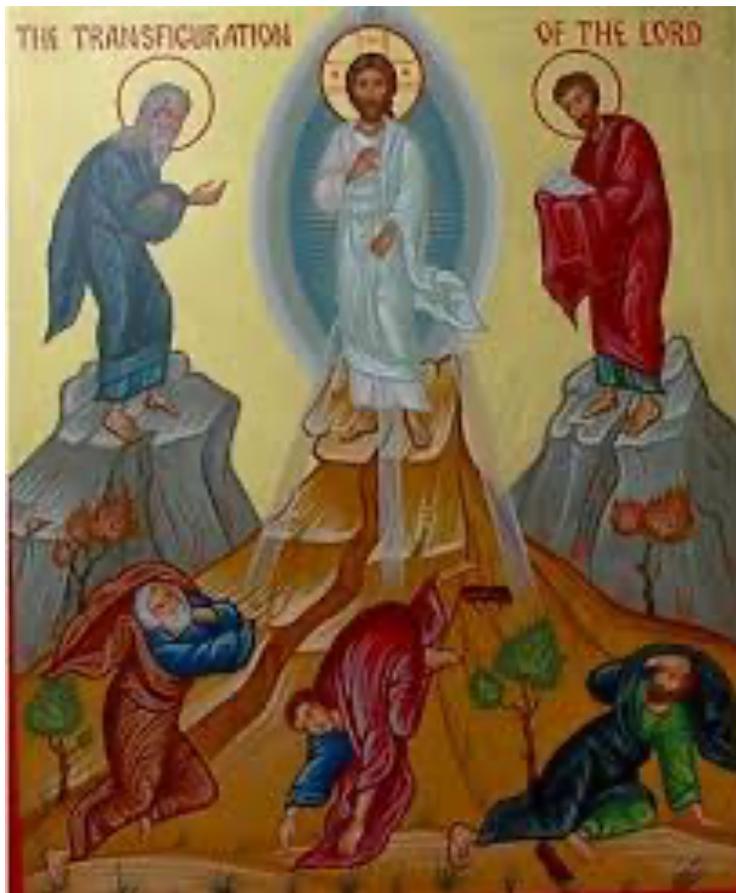
10.30 A.M.

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Mass

**Liturgy: The Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Eucharistic Prayer A**

Celebrant : Fr. George Joseph



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PRELUDE

Please enter the sanctuary quietly. If you are in the sanctuary or attending live stream, this is time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

OPENING HYMN *Praise to the living God (Leoni)* (H 372)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

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.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

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.*

INTROIT *Choir*

***Kyrie eleison (Greek)* (BCP p. 324)**

The following is sung, all standing

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison, Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

GLORIA S 280 *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

The people sit.

A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

1Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2Elijah 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.

3The 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."

4Elijah 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. 5The 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."

6Then 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.

7Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8Then 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.

9When 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." 10He 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." 11As 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. 12Elisha 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.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

Remain seated.

1The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
 God reveals himself in glory.
3Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
 before him there is a consuming flame,
 and round about him a raging storm.
4He 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."
6Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
 for God himself is judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

3If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4In 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. 5For we do not proclaim

ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. 6For 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.

Silence may follow.

All stand.

THE GRADUAL THE ALLELUIA

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

2Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5Then 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." 6He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" 8Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9As 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.

THE SERMON Fr. George Joseph

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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 (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing or kneel.

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 our Bishop George Sumner, George Joseph our Priest and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating their anniversary of birth especially Reisha Batiller and those celebrating their anniversary of wedding let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For comfort, strength, guidance from the Holy Spirit, especially for Beard family, Larry, Ashley, Susie, Cathy, Sese, Valerie, Kate, Arthur, Mrs. Das, Edgar, Jannie Nel and family, Fatima and family, Conrad Vermaak and family, Kristina, Steve, Achille, Michelle, Jay, Brenda, Merle Wells, Catherine, Marla, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are sick - Robert Delk, Graham Clarke, Ben Doherty, Claude Lee, Gibbs family, Edgar, Joeline, Michelle, Fred, Sam, Destiny, Marla, Jean, Clint Harron, Bruce Magers, Bob Bowser, Mary Ann, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, pray for Dallas--St. Augustine:
The Rev. Emily Hylden, Dallas--St. James' : The Rev. Michael
Hurst, The Rev. Donald J. Griffin, The Rev. Philip Snyder
Dallas--St. Christopher's : The Rev. Chris Steele, let us pray to the
Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer - The Anglican Church of Canada,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the
destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and
care for them, 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.

For Church of the Holy Cross- all the members, former members
and friends of the Holy Cross. For their life and contribution to the
ministry of this church, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and
without reproach, especially Parnelle for a holy death, let us pray to
the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of resurrection, especially Leon
H Wassall, Richard C Sloan, Jerry W Wright, let us pray to the
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by
thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Celebrant says

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.

Priest Absolution

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be
always with you.

People

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

As the priest prepares the altar for communion, people prepare their hearts in silence for the Eucharist.

All stand.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM - CHOIR

OFFERTORY HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing (Azmon) (H 493)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, Therefore,
according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

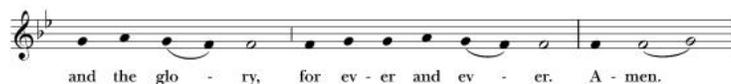
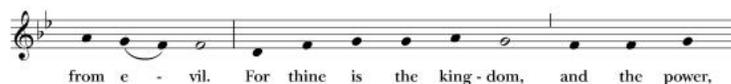
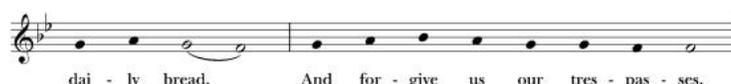
EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)

The Celebrant continues

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363). S-119

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

People and Celebrant



The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 158 *O Lamb of God (Willan)*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

INVITATION (BCP p. 338)

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

COMMUNION HYMN

My God, thy table now is spread (Rockingham) (H 321)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Celebrant : Let us pray

The People may join in saying this prayer

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 (BCP p. 339)

The Priest blesses the people

CLOSING HYMN

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve (Siroë) (H 546)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANGELUS