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ANGLICAN CHURCH



The Second Sunday of Epiphany
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Mountainous Landscape with the Parable of the Sower
Giovanni Battista Fontana | Etching on laid paper
Metropolitan Museum of Art | c.1573

EPHIPANY

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

SONG

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

George Matheson / Christopher Miner // CLI #11069486

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshines blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;

I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there, blossoms red, life that shall endless be.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

I will make you as a light for the nations,

That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

We have entered into the season between Christmas and Lent. It began on January 6 with the Feast of the Epiphany (also known as Three Kings Day), and the season itself is called Epiphanytide.

Epiphany is when we celebrate the arrival of the magi, who bowed down and bestowed kingly gifts on the boy Jesus. It also marks the season of the Christian year between Christmas and Lent, when we typically focus on the life, the words, the deeds, and the ministry of Jesus between his birth and his crucifixion.

The color of Epiphany season is green, the color of growth.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name!
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Chorus

THE WORD OF THE LORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children: Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith, that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WHAT'S A COLLECT?
A collect ("COL-lect") is a specific and carefully structured prayer for each Sunday and holy day of the church calendar, and it often syncs up with the season or the biblical event being celebrated.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 55:6-11*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *Psalm 40:1-11*

1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

6 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

10 I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

11 As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The New Testament Lesson *1 Peter 1:22-25*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel *Mark 4*

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ!

The whole Bible tells one big story and points to one person, Jesus Christ. The pattern in the Anglican Church to read large portions of scripture aloud every week.

PSALMS

Psalms have been read, chanted, and sung since before the Israelites went into exile in 600 BC. Jesus himself would have sung or recited these same psalms in the synagogue and in the Jerusalem temple.

The word Gospel

comes from the Greek word *euangelion*, which literally means

"good news." It was a term used for messages from the king about the birth of a new heir or a victory in battle.

(after the Gospel is read)

The Gospel of the Lord! **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

SERMON

Andrew White

We stand for the Gospel reading to show the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Nicene Creed is a statement of what the Christian community believes to be true about God. It was born of rigorous theological debate, crafted at the city of Nicaea in 325, and refined at Constantinople in 381.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The person appointed leads prayers at this time. There is a pause after each petition, and people may add their own prayers, either silently or aloud. Each petition ends with "Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

For Foley Beach, our archbishop, and Steve Breedlove and Quigg Lawrence, our bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

PRAYER

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our president Donald Trump, our governor Ralph Northam, and our mayor Andrea Oakes.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

We now invite your own prayers and petitions, either silently or out loud. If you do pray out loud, please pray loud enough that all might hear and pray with you.

Heavenly Father, grant these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Christians are people of prayer. When we worship the living God, we bring before Him our concerns for ourselves, for others, for the church, and for the world. All of these are ways that God has taught his people to pray.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we confess our sins, he [God] is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

The priest, acting as an ordained representative of Christ's church, pronounces God's forgiveness to all who are repentant and believe on Jesus Christ.

THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE TABLE OF THE LORD

THE OFFERTORY

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

SONG *Abide With Me*

Henry Lyte / Justin Smith // CCLI #11069486

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee: help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile; and, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left thee, onto the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless. Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold out thy cross, before my closing eyes. Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Is the Father with us? **He is.**

Is Christ among us? **He is.**

Is the Spirit here? **He is.**

This is our God. **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

We are his people. **We are redeemed.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PEACE BE WITH YOU

Jesus said that when we come to worship, if we remember we have unresolved conflict with someone, we should go and make peace with them first. Thus, before we come to the Lord's Supper, we confess our sins to God, and make peace with our brothers and sisters.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

By repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch and listen like it's a show, we enter into the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

SANCTUS

The Sanctus is the song that the seraphim sing forever in God's heavenly throne room (Isaiah 6, Revelation 4), eternally praising the perfection and "otherness" of God.

THE SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

ACCLAMATION OF FAITH

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Christ is alive forever! **We are because he is.**

We are one body. **We share one bread.**

Draw near with faith. **Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

SONG *Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace* Daniel Herbert / Clint Wells, Brian Murphy // CLI #11069486

Come boldly to the throne of grace, ye wretched sinners come;
And lay your load at Jesus' feet, and plead what He has done.

"How can I come?" some soul may say, "I'm lame and cannot walk;
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth; I sigh, but dare not talk."

Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost, and blind, and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, and ever was the same.

All baptized people may come for Communion, regardless of their denomination or affiliation. Unbaptized people, nonchristians, and young children (as their parents decide) may come for a blessing, presenting themselves to the ministers with arms crossed over their chests.

He makes the dead to hear his voice; he makes the blind to see;
The sinner lost he came to save, and set the prisoner free.

Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know the hell of sin within,
Come boldly to the throne of grace; the Lord will take you in.

SONG

Great I AM

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I want to be close, close to your side, so heaven is real and death is a lie

I want to hear voices of angels above, singing as one:

Hallelujah! Holy, holy! God Almighty, the great I AM!

Who is worthy, none beside thee! God Almighty, the great I AM!

I want to be near, near to your heart, loving the world and hating the dark

I want to see dry bones living again, singing as one:

Chorus

The mountains shake before him, the demons run in fear

At the mention of the name King of Majesty

There is no power in hell, or any who can stand

Before the power and the presence of the great *I AM!*

The great *I AM*, the great *I AM!*

The great *I AM*, the great *I AM!*

Chorus

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, 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.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
"God's thoughts of
His people are
infinite. Believers
deal too little with
the infinitude of
God.

- Octavius Winslow

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The law says 'Do this!' and it is never done. Grace says, 'Believe in this man!' and immediately everything is done."
- Martin Luther

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

We have been blessed by being together. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and sent out with a purpose in the name of Jesus Christ.

THE BENEDICTION

All our problems, **we send to the cross of Christ.**
All our difficulties, **we send to the cross of Christ.**
All the devil's works, **we send to the cross of Christ.**
All our hopes, **we set on the risen Christ!**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you, and scatter the darkness from before your path. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The corporate life of God's people is a rhythm of gathering and sending. We are gathered into God's presence, we are fed by his Word and his Table, and then we sent out into the world to be witnesses to, and instruments of, God's mission in his creation.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

CALENDAR

Tue, Feb 2	Candlemas / The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
Sun, Feb 14	Transfiguration Sunday
Tue, Feb 16	Shrove Tuesday
Wed, Feb 17	Ash Wednesday Service / Start of Lent

WHO WE ARE

We are a missional, communal, sacramental church, for the glory of God and the good of our city.

We are an Anglican church, a member of the Anglican Church in North America, a part of the largest Protestant denomination in the world. This means we have a flexible yet stable structure with transparent accountability and true partnership. It also means that we hold to the three ecumenical creeds (Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian). We affirm the 39 Articles of Religion of the Anglican Church, as well as the Jerusalem Statement of the Global Anglican Futures Conference.

We are part of the Diocese of Christ Our Hope, which was born out of the Rwandan Anglican Church. We have a gospel focus, a missional posture, a church planting mandate, and a heart for our cities and towns.

