

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14, 2021



Transfiguration of Christ by Blessed Fra Angelico (1441)

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*Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others".
You are invited to participate however you wish.*

Daily Morning Prayer/Communion: Rite Two

Prelude

Processional Hymn 427 (vs. 1&4)

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!

When morning gilds the skies

4 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!

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

Presider † Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People together

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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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 Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider and People **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Presider Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Presider and People

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The First Lesson

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**

The Response

Deus deorum

Psalm 50:1-6

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 Second Lesson

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.**

Sequence Hymn 137 (Vs. 1&5)

O wondrous type! O vision fair

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair
of glory that the Church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

5 O Father, with the eternal Son,
and Holy Spirit, ever One,
vouchsafe to bring us by thy grace
to see thy glory face to face.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Rev. Paul McCabe

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 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.

The Prayers

Suffrage B

BCP 96

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor

The Collect of the Day

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.*

Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Administration of the Holy Communion

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 96

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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 The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion is given to the communicants with these words:

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Presider and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 618 (v. 1&4)

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ye watchers an ye holy ones

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

BCP 102

Priest Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

People **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* -- Ephesians 3:20, 21

Postlude

***The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by
Foster & Bliss Peterson in Celebration of their 18th Wedding Anniversary.***

Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Lynda, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie, David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, Christopher, Mario, Bruce, For all those affected by COVID-19, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

Birthdays

2/15 Brendan Buckley

2/16 Debbie Hreha

2/15 Christopher Lovett

Anniversaries

2/ 15 Foster & Bliss Peterson

Outside Worship Service This Sunday Feb. 14th under the New Pavilion at 11:00AM

We will hold the service after our annual parish meeting While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship inside, providing opportunities for worship is still our top priority. Currently, we are offering an outside worship service opportunity under the new pavilion as drive-in and drive-thru services are not very popular. It is still a little cool outside, but bring your favorite warm beverage and lets get back to worship again at ECA. *All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must still go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:*

- Gathering Guidelines for Phase I limited outside Sunday Service as of 9/10: [Click Here](#)
- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

Reach Committee Collecting Winter Items for Church of the Common Ground

The Reach Committee is collecting Winter items for Church of the Common Ground. We will be collecting blankets, x-large white or black socks, packets of hot chocolate, and cheese crackers for the homeless. We will pick up items off front porches or meet you at the church. If you are interested, please contact Janet Livingston at 404-543-5003 or email janetlivingston@gmail.com.

Reach Collecting Food items for Local Food Pantries We Support

We may not be gathering for in-person worship services due to diocesan restrictions, but the need for food items at our local food pantries continues. We continue to support local charities Never Alone and Papa's Pantry in their food ministries. We are open during the week and you are welcome to come by on Sundays to drop off these much-needed items. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of helping those in need.

Preparing for Lent and Sunday Worship Service Changes

You are invited to participate in Devotional Practices for Lent, 2021 created by Sally Urley for the Episcopal Diocesan of Atlanta. Simply click [HERE](#) to view a calendar with daily devotions, meditations, and preparation. We will also begin using Rite I worship services during the season of Lent like we do every year. My hope during this season of Lent we will be able to re-focus on how important fellowship and worship are important to our lives as Christians and Disciples.

Ash Wednesday services will be performed Feb. 17th from noon-2pm and 6pm-8pm

We will hold two Drive through services on Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion from the reserve sacrament from noon-2pm and 6pm-8pm to begin our observance of Lent. A virtual service of the Ash Wednesday liturgy will be streamed on Facebook at 11am and the recorded service can be watched anytime thereafter.

2021 Lenten Program to be Different this Year

Due to the bishop and diocesan restrictions concerning in-person activities we will not be able to do a Lenten program like we have done in the past. This year on Weds nights during Lent we will host Zoom virtual gatherings and be doing virtual reflections from parishioners sharing their stories of hope and strength during these unprecedented times. Stay tuned for further information.

Seeking Flower Donations for Altar Flower Ministry for the 2021 Year.

ECA is still taking dedications and donations for Altar Flowers. Altar Guild will continue their ministry of preparing the altar for services during streamed services. Thank you for supporting this ministry. Please email your dedication (complete with wording in thanksgiving for/in memory of) to ecanews@bellsouth.net or print and mail the form [here](#). There are many dates available for 2021. Easter Flower dedications are also being accepted now.

Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service including Readers!

We need YOU! If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at pcm09@bellsouth.net. There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested. Volunteers are especially needed to read the Sunday lessons.

Sign up for the ECA Newsletter

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by [clicking here](#). Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

End of Year Statements available at the Church

Thank you to all who gave to ECA in 2020! End of year statements are available to pick up at the church (along with giving envelopes). If you do not feel comfortable picking up your statement in person, please email ecaparish@gmail.com to have your statement emailed to you. Feel free to contact the office with any questions.

ECA Finances to Date

(YTD) Through Dec. 2020	Actual	Budget	+/-
Revenues	\$222,646	\$235,508	(\$12,862)
Expenses	\$207,518	\$235,479	\$27,960
Net Year to date	\$15,127	\$29	\$15,098

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