



the  
**Church of  
Our Redeemer**



**January 17, 2021**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 9:30<sub>A.M.</sub>

**Thank you for participating in our virtual worship. Tune in from either our**

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*You may wish to have candles ready to light,  
and a cross to place in your home worship area.  
We are glad to be worshipping with you today.*

**Prelude**      *Fantasy on "King's Weston"*  
Back Bay Ringers, Church of Our Redeemer, March 2013

arr. Fred Gramann

**Welcome**

**Introit**      *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

*Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice (2x)  
Rejoice!, Rejoice! And again I say Rejoice! (2x)*

**Liturgy of the Word**

**Candle-Lighting**

*The acolyte lights the candles and invites worshippers to do the same.*

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Opening Hymn**     *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LEVAS 1

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun  
Of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over away that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by thy might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.*

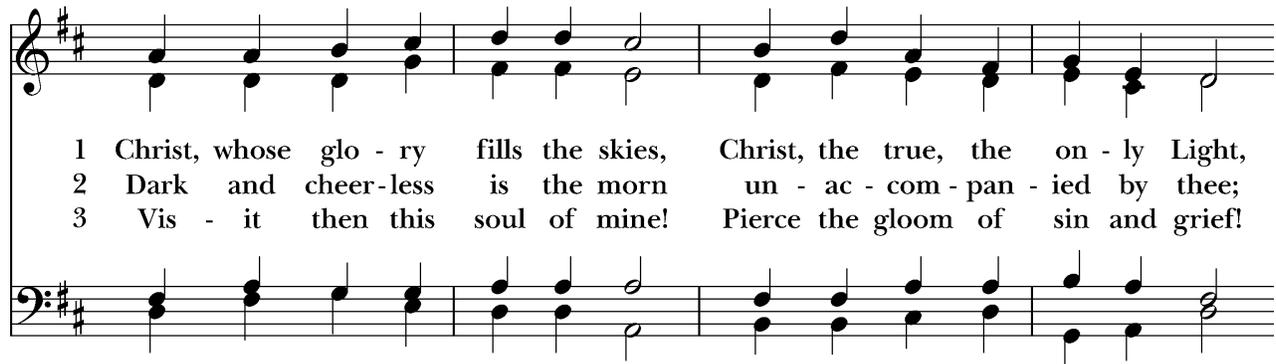
### **Opening Acclamation**

*Presider*     Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People*        **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

*All* 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.

Hymn of Praise *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Blue Hymnal 7



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* 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, worshipped, 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.*

*Please be seated.*

### First Reading

**1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

*The Reader concludes*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

**Gospel Hymn** *Will You Come and Follow Me? (The Summons)*

John J. Bell

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

## Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

Rev. Kate Ekrem

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, 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.**

## Prayers of the People

*by David Adam, Church of England*

*Leader* As seekers from many places were called to worship before the Christ child, open our ears to your call, and open our eyes to your glory. We pray for all seekers, for all who walk in darkness and look for the light. We pray for your church, that it may be drawn ever towards you. Jesus, Light of the World

*People* **Give us your light and peace**

*Leader* Lord God, we pray that the rulers of this world may seek the peace and justice of your kingdom, and that the resources of the world may be used for the relief of those in need, and to your praise and glory. Jesus, Light of the World

*People* **Give us your light and peace**

*Leader* We pray for all who work in our local communities, for a sharing of talents and awareness of needs. We thank you for the gifts you have given to us, and we seek to use them rightly. May our homes be places where the Christ abides and is welcomed. Jesus, Light of the World

*People* **Give us your light and peace**

*Leader* We pray for all who are in sorrow, pain or distress; we remember especially Royce; Adele, Patricia; Enid, Bill, Dale, Aura, Lauren, Mary, Joan, John, Tom Tsaros, Jack, June, Darryll; Richard, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Marie, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, John, and Joan.  
We remember all who are struggling for justice and freedom.  
Jesus, Light of the World

*People* **Give us your light and peace**

*Leader* We pray for those who have died, especially Mary, Sarah, Darlene, Maureen, Dorothy, Jim, Sven, John, Avis, Richie, Gerry, Barbara, John, Robert, John, Emily, Tammy, David, Ronald; and Leon. May they have fullness of life in your kingdom. Give hope and strength to all who mourn, and bring a new light into their darkness. Jesus, Light of the World

*People* **Give us your light and peace**

*Collect for the Parish, Leader and People together:*

**Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.**

*Presider* O Lord our God, you call us in the depths of our being, you have a purpose for us, open our ears to hear your call, open our hearts to your love, open our minds to your purpose, that we may know you and give ourselves fully in your service.

**Confession**

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*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Please kneel in body or in spirit and join in a moment of silent contemplation.*

*Presider and people:*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

**Absolution**

*Presider and People:*

**Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.**



Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All**            **Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*Presider*     Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**All**            **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (contemporary)

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*Presider*     As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**All**            **Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider*     Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:*      **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

**All**

**In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,**

**we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

### **Blessing**

*The Presider blesses the people, saying*

May Christ be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and may the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Closing Hymn**

*I am the Bread of Life (v. 1,4,5)*

Blue Hymnal 335

*<sup>1</sup> I am the bread of life;  
they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.*

*Refrain:  
And I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the  
last day.*

*<sup>4</sup> I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
They who believe in me,  
even if they die,  
they shall live for ever.*

*<sup>5</sup> Yes, Lord, we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God  
who has come into the world.*

### **Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

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