



# **Last Sunday After Epiphany**

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*We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

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The flowers on the altar today are given by Nancy Reid, Kathryn Woodard and Margaret Groome in memory of their beloved parents, Muriel and George Groome.

10 AM, HOLY EUCHARIST,

*Prelude*

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

*Jamaican (arr. Anne Krentz Organ)*

**Opening Hymn 166 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding**

*(to 374 HYFRYDOL)*

We have come at Christ's own bidding  
to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing  
for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance  
that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples  
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness;  
splendour bathes the flesh joined Word.  
Moses and Elijah marvel  
as the heavenly voice is heard.  
eyes and heart behold with wonder  
how the law and prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,  
stands transfigures and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,  
fearful lest our faith decline,  
we like Peter find it tempting  
to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage"  
to proclaim what we profess,



that our daily lives may prove us  
people of the God we bless.

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community*

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
*All* **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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.**

**Act of Praise: Glory to God**

*(HYMN 686)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,**



**with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

*EXODUS 24:12–18*

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a



devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*People*

Psalm 2

S. ELVEY



1. Why are the nations <sup>1</sup> in an <sup>1</sup> uproar? \*  
Why do the peoples <sup>1</sup> mutter <sup>1</sup> empty <sup>1</sup> threats?
2. Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes <sup>1</sup> plot to<sup>1</sup>gether, \*  
against the <sup>1</sup> Lord · and ag<sup>1</sup>ainst · his An<sup>1</sup>ointed?
3. "Let us break their <sup>1</sup> yoke," they <sup>1</sup> say; \*  
"let us <sup>1</sup> cast off · their <sup>1</sup> bonds from <sup>1</sup> us."
4. He whose throne is in <sup>1</sup> heaven · is <sup>1</sup> laughing; \*  
the <sup>1</sup> Lörd <sup>1</sup> has them · in de<sup>1</sup>risión.
5. Then he speaks to <sup>1</sup> them · in his <sup>1</sup> wrath, \*  
and his <sup>1</sup> räge <sup>1</sup> fills them · with <sup>1</sup> terror.
6. "I myself have <sup>1</sup> set my <sup>1</sup> king \*  
upon my <sup>1</sup> holy <sup>1</sup> hill of <sup>1</sup> Zion."
7. Let me announce the <sup>1</sup> decree · of the <sup>1</sup> Lord: \*  
he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this <sup>1</sup> day have <sup>1</sup> I be<sup>1</sup>gotten you.
8. Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for <sup>1</sup> your  
in<sup>1</sup>heritance \*  
and the ends of the <sup>1</sup> earth for <sup>1</sup> your pos<sup>1</sup>session.





9. You shall crush them with an <sup>1</sup> iron <sup>1</sup> rod \*  
and shatter them <sup>1</sup> like a <sup>1</sup> piece of <sup>1</sup> pottery."
10. And now, you <sup>1</sup> kings, be <sup>1</sup> wise; \*  
be warned, you <sup>1</sup> rulers <sup>1</sup> of the <sup>1</sup> earth.
11. Submit to the <sup>1</sup> Lord with <sup>1</sup> fear, \*  
and with <sup>1</sup> trembling <sup>1</sup> bow be<sup>1</sup>fore him;
12. Lest he be <sup>1</sup> angry · and you <sup>1</sup> perish; \*  
for his <sup>1</sup> wrath is <sup>1</sup> quickly <sup>1</sup> kindled.
- †13. Happy <sup>1</sup> are they <sup>1</sup> all \*  
who take <sup>1</sup> refuge <sup>1</sup> in <sup>1</sup> him!

*Glory be to the Father, and <sup>1</sup> to the <sup>1</sup> Son, \*  
and <sup>1</sup> to the <sup>1</sup> Holy <sup>1</sup> Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and <sup>1</sup> ever <sup>1</sup> shall be, \*  
world without <sup>1</sup> end. <sup>1</sup> Ä'men.*

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter

2 PETER 1:16–21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no



prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

(HALLE, HALLE)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

*Reader*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Reader*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew

MATTHEW 17:1-9

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of Christ.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



## **Gospel Response: Listen, God is Calling**

(NENO LAKE MUNGU)

Listen, God is calling through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

Guest Speaker: Camille Isaacs-Morell

### **The Nicene Creed**

*The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the creed.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith as we say,

*All* **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.  
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**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*All* **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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,



and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*

**Amen.**

*All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Preparation of the Gifts

**Offertory Hymn 460 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining**

*(SHINE, JESUS SHINE)*

Lord, the light of your love in shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus Shine; fill this land with the father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send for your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness;  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,  
shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

The Prayer over the Gifts



Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,  
you made us in your own image,  
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,



to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*All*        **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

*All*        **Amen**

*Celebrant* Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom  
to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

*All*        **Amen**

*Celebrant* Join our prayers and praise  
with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.  
Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

*All*      **Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, which art in heaven:

*Response*    **Hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done: **R**

On earth as it is in heaven: **R**

Give us this day our daily bread: **R**

And forgive us all our debts: **R**

As we forgive our debtors: **R**

And lead us not into temptation: **R**

But deliver us from evil: **R**

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory: **R**

Forever and ever, amen. **R**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant*    We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

*All*            **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## **The Communion**

*Lamb of God*

*HYMN 735*

*Communion Hymn 324 Hallelujah*

*(HALLELUJAH)*

*Anthem: The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation*

*LILLIAN BOUKNIGHT*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in  
word and deed, that all the world may know his power  
to change and save. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**



*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All* **whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path. **Amen.;** and now may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Then the deacon or the celebrant says,*

*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Closing Hymn 82 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

(HALLELUJAH! WE SING YOUR PRAISES)

*Allelujah! We sing your praises!  
All our hearts are filled with gladness!  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises!  
All our hearts are filled with gladness!*

Christ the Lord to us said, "I am wine, I am bread.  
I am wine, I am bread. Give to all who thirst and hunger."

*Refrain*

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.

*Postlude*

*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our  
Pleading*

*Tanzanian (arr. Anne  
Krentz Organ)*



Cover Art: IN THE GARDEN PARISH by C. Isaacs-Morell The parish of St. Ann is in the north of Jamaica. Aptly named “The Garden Parish,” St. Ann is known for its natural floral beauty, rolling hills, valleys and pastures, and of course its white sand beaches that welcome tourists year after year.

There is much history in St. Ann, which is the birthplace of three great men from three generations – Marcus Garvey, the Pan-Africanist pioneer and national hero of Jamaica; John Isaacs, my father whose life was dedicated to the education of young Jamaicans in a newly independent country; and Bob Marley, who has immortalized messages of the need for equal rights and justice through reggae music on the international stage.

From the vantage point of a hill overlooking the coast and the lush inland vegetation, I was enchanted by the picture of beauty created by the pink and white blooms against the low stone wall. Low stone walls are a common sight in St. Ann, relics of the plantations during the colonial era, dating back to the early 1500’s. As I put the final touches on this painting, I couldn’t help but think about the myriad stories that this wall could tell.

