

# Last Sunday after the Epiphany

## February 27, 2022

Words of Welcome

Stillness: A Story about Leaven

Gathering Hymn: "Songs of thankfulness"

**Hymnal #135, verses 1 & 4**

**1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in thy birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**4 Manifest on mountain height,  
shining in resplendent light,  
where disciples filled with awe  
thy transfigured glory saw.  
When from there thou leddest them  
steadfast to Jerusalem,  
cross and Easter day attest  
God in man made manifest.**

The Confession & Absolution

*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*A substantial silence for reflection is kept.*

*Officiant*     You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

*People*        **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Officiant* You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* The almighty and merciful God grant us pardon and remission of all our sins, renewal of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **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.

### Scripture Drama based on Exodus 32 - 34

*Prepared and performed by members of St. Dunstan's*

### The Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless, and at the time told no one what they had seen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

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

### Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

Song: "Let your little light shine, shine, shine"

## The Prayers

*Officiant* We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Send prayer requests to to [prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto:prayers@stdunstans.com).*

*Officiant* Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.

*Officiant* Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all those in authority.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all nations and peoples.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: .... You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.  
*The people may offer additional names.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.

*The people may offer additional names.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Celebrant* Lord God, the bright splendor whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light, discern the glory of your presence in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Savior. Guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in him. **Amen.**

## Sharing of Blessings

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you!

*All* **And also with you!**

### Announcements

- Lent photo invitation
- Lent Faith at Home Envelopes
- Shrove Tuesday, March 1; Ash Wednesday, March 2

### The Commissioning of God's People

*In this season of Epiphany, as we recall Christ revealed to all peoples, we are called by God to share Christ's love through our own daily living. In this season, we commission ourselves and one another to fulfill our callings, supported by the Holy Spirit. We will honor different broad categories of vocation, work or life path/phase each week. You are invited to hold up your hands or stand for any or all of the commissionings which reflect the work you do in the world.*

*Priest* Now there are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit.

*People* **There are a variety of services but the same Lord.**

*Priest* There are many parts within the one Body.

*People* **There are many splendors within one Light.**

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*Priest*

For all retired people, who enjoy the benefits of long years of work, all who fill their days by serving in shelters and on boards; for all who offer their time and skill in teaching, visiting, helping, tending and mending, caring for elders and the young; for all who give their time by advocating for those in need, holding the hurting in prayer, and putting their kind hearts, lively minds, and capable hands to work in God's world.

*People* **We commission you to this work and pledge to you our prayers, encouragement and support.**

*Priest*

And for all the people of this congregation, striving together to carry Christ's light and love into the world; seeking to be leaven for the world's bread, a people strong for service and glad in praise; and a people listening and responding to God's presence in our midst.

*People* **We commission ourselves and one another to this work and pledge to one another our prayers, encouragement and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us, that in this and in all things, we may do God's will in the service of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

*Celebrant* May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in our hearts and fill our lives with joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen!**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Song: "We are marching in the light of God"

*Prepared by the Rev. Thomas McAlpine*

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