



**Morning Prayer**  
**The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 14, 2021 9 am**  
**Ministers of the Liturgy**

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

Joan & Matt Rich; Ann Marie Lockwood & Peach Warren;  
Edla Ann & Randy Bloom; Kevin & Pat Keppler,  
Mary Beth & Paul Sweet; Lucille & Dave Clinkman

**Musicians:**

Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas, Beth Stochaj

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. [John 13:35]*

**Prelude** *If we only have love*

Jacques Brel

**Mother Judith Opening Sentence**

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

1 John 4:7-9

**Mother Judith The Confession**

God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Absolution**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Mother Judith The Invitatory and Psalter**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
[John 8:12]

**Mary Johnson Invitatory Psalm 100 Jubilate**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \* he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age

**Joan & Matt Rich      Psalm 50:1-6 *Deus deorum***

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.**

**Peach Warren & Ann Marie Lockwood**

**A Reading from the Second Book of Kings [2:1-12]**

**Peach** 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."

**Ann Marie** 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 Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

**Peach** 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 Elisha "Stay here; for

the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.”

**Ann Marie:** 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.

**Peach** 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.

### **Mary Beth & Paul Sweet    Canticle: Romans    [12:9-18]**

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

**<sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

**<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.**

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

**14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.**

<sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

**<sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;**  
do not claim to be wiser than you are.

**<sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.**

<sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

### **Pat & Kevin Keppler    A Reading from the Gospel of Mark    [9:2-9]**

**Kevin** 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.

**Pat** 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.

**Kevin** 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.

## Homily

**Edla Ann & Randy Bloom** **The Song of Mary** *Magnificat* *Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;\*

**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \* **in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm,\* **he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \***and has lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things,\* **and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*

**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

The promise he made to our fathers, \* **to Abraham and his children forever.**

**Musical Meditation** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* *Traditional African American Spiritual*

Beth Stochaj, soloist

**Mother Judith** **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Mother Judith** **The Prayers**

Hear our cry, O God. **And listen to our prayer.**

Help us, O God our Savior; **deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

Look upon your congregation; **give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Declare your glory among the nations; **and your wonders among all peoples.**

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away; **never forget the lives of your poor.**

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

**Mother Judith The Lord's Prayer**

**Mother Judith 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.**

**Lucille & Dave Clinkman The Prayers of the People**

In faith, hope and charity let us pray for Christ's Body, the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, saying, *Lord, make us one.*

That all may be one, worshipping God in spirit and in truth, so that the world may believe. For the peace that comes from God alone, for the unity of all peoples, and for the salvation of souls.

**Let us pray in the will of Christ: Lord, make us one.**

That we may be freed from our sins against one another; from prejudice and hasty judgment; from ignorance or pride; from isolation and exclusivity; from apathy and complacency.

**Let us pray in the forgiveness of Christ: Lord, make us one.**

That the leaders of all churches would lead in a manner that serves the visible unity of the Church.

**Let us pray in the spirit of Christ. Lord, make us one.**

That the churches may discover again their unity in the one baptism that incorporates them into Christ.

**Let us pray with the heart of Christ: Lord, make us one.**

That the churches may recognise each other's ministries in the service of their one Lord.

**Let us pray in the peace of Christ: Lord, make us one.**

That all Christians may embrace together Christ's command to care for those in need; the sick, the poor, the hungry, the lonely, the outcast, especially those who are suffering from covid-19, their caregivers, and frontline workers.

**Let us pray in the mercy of Christ: Lord, make us one.**

That we may all commit ourselves to the non-violent way of Jesus and transform society through seeking justice and forgiveness, following the example of those who have gone before us, especially those we now name silently or aloud. *pause*

**Let us pray in the peace of Christ: Lord, make us one.**

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family; give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. **Amen**

**Musical Meditation** *Wherever you go*

*David Haas*

*Jeff Lukas*

### **Pat & Kevin Keppler A Prayer for Justice**

O God, you have given all peoples one common origin. It is your will that we gather together as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. May there be an end to division, strife and war. May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on love and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Peach Warren & Ann Marie Lockwood**

### **A Prayer for Black History Month**

*- from Kierra Stuvland & Unknown Author*

Spirit of Abundance, God of Grace and Hope, we pause now to remember those stories that are all around us, but so often passed over. We remember the legacy of those who came before us – who not only paved the way but carried the bricks on broken backs that then built that road. We remember the songs, stories, and fiery hope of old men and little girls, granny midwives and marvelous musicians, great orators and leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators – those who are earth-tone brown, black as night, fair like the sands of Egypt. Lord, when it's too hard living, we remember you are the great "I am" and our source of strength and purpose for each new day. Help us to value diversity beyond variety. Grant us a vision for a future that acknowledges our strength together as well as the power, creativity, and ideas that we share. May our hearts not be hardened to the pain around us. Widen our vision so that the history that is shared this month may come to be known as our history too. **Amen.**



**Mary Beth & Paul Sweet    A Prayer in Time of Transition**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen.**

**Lucille & Dave Clinkman    A Prayer for Facing the Coronavirus**

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of over 450,000 loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Mother Judith    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.**

**Mother Judith    Blessing**

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

**Mother Judith    Dismissal:** Let us go forth rejoicing in the love and peace of God.