



The Word of God

Prelude: "Cantique de Jean Racine" (excerpt)

Gabriel Fauré

The Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn #390, v. 1, 4

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song. sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words by Joachim Neander (1650-1680) Music: LOBE DEN HERREN Melody from Erneuernten Gesangbuch, 1665; Hymn #390, The Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

✠ **Celebrant** Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.
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.

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

Please join in saying,

The Gloria

**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 The Lord be with you.

People 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.**

The First Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-12

Reader: *David Knight*

Reader A reading from the Second book of Kings

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.

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

Reader Let us say together

- 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 Holy Gospel Mark 9:2-9

† Celebrant 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 Sermon

The Rev. Jude Lyons

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

(Updated from The Book of Common Prayer addendum, Enriching our Worship I)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully 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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: *Kristina Pelá*

The People join in reading the words in bold.

During this season of Epiphany we proclaim, "Arise, shine for your light has come!". O God of Light, we are ready for you to light our way that we might lead others to knowledge and love of you.

Shine in your church, O God; embolden us to speak truthfully and to act with the courage of love.

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in our nation, O God: help us appreciate the land, liberties and heritage we have received. Protect us from discord, confusion, arrogance, and evil. Anoint with wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government. This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in your world, O God: heal the warring of nations and the wounding of the earth. Give all religious and secular leaders eyes to see and hearts to follow the way of justice and peace. This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in your people, O God; make us one human family with compassion for all, with dignity for every human being and to be a welcoming presence for the stranger and refugee. This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in those who serve in the troubled places of our world, O God; we ask your protection for our first responders and for those who serve the cause of justice in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine, O God, in the helpless and the unhoused, the unemployed and the underemployed, and be the deliverer of those in distress: bless and heal all in need, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Darlene Endquist, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Michael, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, and for those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers silently or aloud).*

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in all our departed saints, O God: teach us to follow their witness of faith and unite us again with all who have gone before us, especially Gale Lovrich, mother of Diana Behrendsen, and all those we name to you now... *(Please add your own prayers silently or aloud).*

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Let us pray together:

O Divine Light, you are the Light that transforms. Sometimes we look to you to be a neon sign hoping for easy answers to our problems in the moments when our lives are most dim. Your Presence reminds us that we embody your light. Let us shine your Light into the world that surrounds us through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

All 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.

† Celebrant Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your 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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Anthem

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn #25, v. 1, 2, 3

*O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone, Immortal, holy,
blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.*

*Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.*

*Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life giving Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.*

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*We will read the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer responsively, with the People reading the parts in **Bold**.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it...

...do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

† **Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.**

In the fullness of time, put all things under the influence of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Let us say together our Mission Statement:

All We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you the light of his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

The Closing Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hymn#427, vv. 1, 5

When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak-ing cries, may Je-sus Christ be praised! When
Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face, sing, Je-sus Christ be praised! God's

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eve - ning sha-dows fall, this rings my cur-few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
whole cre - a - tion o'er, both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'When Morning Gilds the Skies'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is in 4/4 time and G major. The lyrics are: 'When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak-ing cries, may Je-sus Christ be praised! When Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face, sing, Je-sus Christ be praised! God's eve - ning sha-dows fall, this rings my cur-few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised! whole cre - a - tion o'er, both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!'.

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Postlude: "Prelude" in C minor

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