

St. Martin's Church
The Last Sunday of Epiphany
February 11, 2018—10 a.m.



A Service of Morning Prayer
(Rite II—BCP, page 75)

PRELUDE

Preludio Divertimento

John Dixon

OPENING HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #137 “*O wondrous type! O vision fair*”

Wareham

Officiant: I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

~ Isaiah 49:6b

CONFESSION

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others on this spiritual journey with us, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Please kneel and say together:

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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER *(All stand)*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

All together: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

Officiant: Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

JUBILATE: Psalm 100 *(BCP, page 45—all together)*

*Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; **

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; **

it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; **

*be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

PSALM 50:1-6

(Congregation will alternate verses with reader)

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.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

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. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Silence may be kept.

CANTICLE: The Song of Isaiah *(BCP, page 86—all together)*

Isaiah 12:2-6

*Surely, it is God who saves me; **

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, **

and he will be my Savior.

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing **

from the springs of salvation.

*And on that day you shall say, **

*Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Silence may be kept.

CANTICLE: The Song of Zechariah Magnificat (*BCP, page 92—all together*)

Luke 1:68-79

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.*

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

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.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: A Song of the Lamb (*BCP, page 93—all together*)

Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

SERMON

Dennis Bingham

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Said by all. BCP, page 96. Please stand.*)

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.

THE PRAYERS (*The people stand or kneel*)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray. (*All together*)

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.

Reader: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Reader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: Let your people sing with joy.

Reader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: For only in you can we live in safety.

Reader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Reader: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: Your saving health among all nations.

Reader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Reader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: 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.

People: Amen.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Officiant: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Officiant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (*Psalm 96:8*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: WLP #809 *“We Adore You”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(*BCP Form V, pgs. 389-391*)

Reader: Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us. Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word. In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Reader: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for *Daniel* our Diocesan Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who live and work in this community, and for a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, especially uplift all those who are in need, or who are suffering grief or loss this day, including those in this community, especially Denis, Bill, Tom, Kay, Kris, Joan, Anne, Julie, Barbara, Sandra, Dolores, Cecilia, Chris, Renee, Kenneth, and Rita. (*People may add their own petitions.*), and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For this congregation, for those that are present and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Lee, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: We pray for our friends at Christ Church, Ithaca and their ministries and priest, Fr. John Sosnowski. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Servant Year and in the Diocese of Guatemala we pray for Iglesia Episcopal Santa Trinidad (Church of the Holy Trinity), Cocales, The Rev. Ruben Matute. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Rev. Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Martin and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To you, O Lord our God.

Reader: We now ask for your own petitions of supplication and thanksgiving either silently or aloud. *Silence*

Officiant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING *(All together)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant: 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.*

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us bless the Lord. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #461 *“Alleluia! sing to Jesus”*

Alleluia

The children roll up Alleluia banner in preparation for Lent.

DISMISSAL:

Officiant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Trumpet Voluntary in G

Patricia Lou Harris

WELCOME ——— Thank you for worshipping with us today! ——— **WELCOME**

Dear visitors, be sure to sign our guest book and fill out our welcome card in the church and give it to one of the ushers. We'd love to get to know you better, so please consider joining us for coffee hour after this service.

May God's love fill you as you begin a new week!

WE PRAY TODAY

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Daniel our Bishop; for Chris our Rector; for Donald, our President; for Tom, our Governor and for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Denis, Bill, Tom, Kay, Kris, Joan, Anne, Julie, Barbara, Sandra, Dolores, Cecilia, Chris, Renee, Kenneth, and Rita.

WE GIVE THANKS

For all those celebrating birthdays this month, especially *Barry Pilgrim, Benjamin Faber, Mikell Nigro, and Brian Penny.*

WE ACKNOWLEDGE

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of those who have died, especially *G. Lee Foster.*



Ashes will be distributed during the 12:15pm and 7pm Holy Eucharist services on Wednesday, **February 14th** (yes, Valentine's Day).

“Journey to Jerusalem” Lenten Worship Dinner Schedule			
WEEK	DATE/TIME/LOCATION	THEMES	
		GENERAL	CULINARY
1	February 21st, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	The Bible	Lamb & Passover Items
2	February 28th, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	Baptism	Water-Based Soups
3	March 7th, 6:00pm Christ Church, Ithan	Eucharist	Food of the Holy Land
4	March 14th, 6:00pm Christ Church, Ithan	Prayer	Olive-Themed Recipes
5	March 21st, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	Discipleship	Family Favorites

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CALENDAR

TODAY

2/11— 8 & 10am: Morning Prayer with Dennis Bingham

9am: Choir Rehearsal

9:30am: Sunday School

THIS WEEK

2/14— **ASH WEDNESDAY** 12:15pm: Holy Eucharist with ashes

7pm: Holy Eucharist with ashes

2/17— 1-4pm: Soup Cook in Bolingbroke

UPCOMING—LENT 1

2/18— 8 & 10am: Holy Eucharist

9am: Choir Rehearsal

9:30am: Sunday School

THIS WEEK AT BOLINGBROKE

Monday, 2/12— 10am OEA Meeting

8pm Counterparts Singers

Wednesday, 2/14—7pm AA Meeting

Friday, 2/16— 10am AA Meeting

Saturday, 2/17—1pm Soup Cook

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild:

Gale Muir, Barbara Pettit, Sarah Rittenhouse

10am Music:

Emily Watkins & SMC Choir

Bread Baker:

Richard Bemis

Altar Flowers:

Cowan's Flowers

Coffee Hour:

Sinead & Tom Bortner

8:00 am

10:00 am

Ushers:

Nick Carper

Richard Bemis

Reader/Chalice/Acolytes:

Marie Reilly

Sandy Reinhardt

SOUPER BOWL & CHILI WRAP-UP

Together Christ Church, Ithan, and St. Martin's collected over \$490 in profit from the Souper Bowl fundraiser. Donations will go to the Great Valley and Ardmore Food Cupboards. If you missed your chance to get your Souper Bowl jar last Sunday, there is still time. We will have the remaining soup mixes on the table in the back of the Gurley Room on February 11. Help our children raise as much as possible! We also thank all who already made donations for their generosity.

Thanks to everyone who cooked and voted for this year's chili dishes. There were 30 attendees and 7 chefs. Congratulations to our winners:

First Place: Al Murphy

Second Place: Laura Penny

Third place: Deb Parker