



Christ Church Anglican, Mexico City
Morning Prayer, Rite II
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
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Organ Prelude

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Opening Antiphon

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. (*Isaiah 60:3*)

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

The Priest alone stands and says

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 Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

Antiphon (*Together*)

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Invitatory Psalm (Together)

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm Appointed (Sung - Together)

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.

The Lessons

The 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: The Word of the Lord.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

Responsory Canticle

11 The Third Song of Isaiah

Surge, illuminare; S223

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you the City of the Lord,

The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

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 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: The Word of the Lord.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

Responsory Canticle

19 The Song of the Redeemed

Magna et mirabilia, S267

Antiphon

All nations will draw near and fall down before you,
Because your just and holy works have been revealed.

- 1 O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, surpassing human understanding.
- 2 Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, O King of all the ages.
- 3 Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? for you only are the Holy One.

Antiphon

4 All nations will draw near and fall down before you. Because your just and holy Works have been revealed.

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.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 129 vs. 1,2

- 1 Christ upon the mountain peak stands alone in
glory blazing; let us, if we dare to speak,
with the saints and angels praise him. Alleluia!
- 2 Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and
Elijah speaking. All the prophets and the Law
shout through them their joyful greeting. Alleluia!

The Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

All standing as able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying,

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord 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.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon – The Rev. Tamara Newell

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.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Suffrages A (Book of Common Prayer [BCP], pp.97-98.)

V(erse). Show us your mercy, O Lord;
 R(esp(onse)). And grant us your salvation.
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
 R. Let your people sing with joy.
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
 R. For only in you can we live in safety.
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
 R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;
 R. Your saving health among all nations.
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
 R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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.*

Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus Christ has been anointed by the Holy Spirit in power, love, and mercy. Let us therefore offer our prayers that God will transform our lives and this world, responding to each petition in the words: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

God, you are the source of all wisdom: Send your insight and understanding to your church, and especially her leaders: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Enrique, our primate; Carlos, our bishop emeritus; Susan and Germán, priests in this congregation, that they might make known the boundless riches of Christ, and serve according to the gifts of God's grace and the working of God's power.

In your mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our wardens, Jennifer and Carolina, and all our Vestry.

In your mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our Search Committee, that they may find a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

In your mercy: *Lord hear our prayer.*

God, you are the light of the world, let nations and rulers come to the brightness of your day, especially those who hold authority in this nation and city of Mexico. Grant that your peace and righteousness might come to this world.

In your mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

God, you are all-powerful, grant throughout the world a new spirit of respect for the wonder and the bounty of your creation, that we might preserve and protect this gift you have entrusted to our care.

In your mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer*

God, you are merciful, deliver those who cry out to you in distress, especially the needy, the friendless, the oppressed, the imprisoned, the unemployed, refugees, and those who have no help but you alone.

In your mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

God, your compassion extends to the ends of the earth, hear our prayers for those who suffer from sickness in body, mind, or spirit, especially all who suffer from Covid-19, and those who have commended themselves to our prayers: for all who mourn during this season of joy, for Esther, Missy, Mina, Guillermo, Luz María, Monique, Irasema, Elizabeth, Cruz, Fernando, Yvette, Louise, Jessica, Lois, Ned, Susie, Jeremy, Lois, Adrián, Antonio, Raquel, Olivia, and Lorraine. Grant them relief and consolation, peace and healing.

In your mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

God, you are love, we thank you for the riches of your blessings; on this day we give thanks for: essential workers, the new vaccines, our family and friends, music, this community, and medical professionals.

In your mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Watch over our friends and families who celebrate birthdays, especially Erika, Guillermo, Silvia Alicia, Max, and Brigham.

In your mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

God, you are immortal from before time and forever, shine your light upon all who have died in faith and entered into eternal life: Janet, Maureen, David, John, Jerry, Charles, Jack, Berto, Ángel, Joan, Pattie, Lucille, Sam and Nancy, Martha, Rafael, Josefina, Heather, and Janet. Grant that they might see your glory face to face.

In your mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

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 ourselves 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.

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.*

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

Introduction: AGAPE MEALS IN EARLY CHRISTIAN TRADITION

The Agape feast (also called Love feast) was a loosely structured early Christian service that typically included a social fellowship meal. Because food was often eaten, it is often presumed to have a connection with the liturgical Eucharist. If indeed connected, it was separated from the Eucharist by the early Second Century, when Pliny the Younger reported that the Christians regularly met "on a stated day" in the early morning to "address a form of prayer to Christ, as to a divinity," and later in the day would "reassemble, to eat in common a harmless meal."

Neither Scripture nor any documents of the Early Church ever equates the Agape with the Eucharist and any putative relationship between them had virtually ceased by the time of Cyprian (died 258). Early canons of the Church restricted the social meals of Agapes from being given in church sanctuaries. The prominence of the Agape in the Church Fathers suggests that this informal service was second in church life only to the devotional Lord's Supper. An Agape Meal is a very happy way for Christians to enjoy each other's company!

Have ready the food, drink, a candle, and a cross.

Leader: Jesus said: "Where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20 (New International Version)

Ring the bell three times.

CALL TO THE LOVE FEAST (AGAPE MEAL)

Leader: Out of darkness came light;

All: And the power of God was revealed in the running wave and the flowing air, in the quiet earth and the shining stars.

Leader: Out of the dust came life;

All: And the image of God was revealed in the human face and the gentle heart, in the warmth of flesh and the depth of soul.

Leader: Out of justice came freedom;

All: And the wisdom of God was revealed in the need to grow and the will to love, in the chance to know and the power to choose.

Leader: And God looked at the creation,

All: And behold, it was very good.

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 34:1 PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: I will keep on thanking God with constant words of prayer. I will glory in the living God: The humble will hear and be glad.

Leader: Let us pray. Living God, our loving parent, you cherish your creation and we praise you with earth, air, water, fire: In our element as your children, we praise you. With our lips, with our lives, in all our diversity, each one made in your image, we praise you. Because, in Jesus, you came to share our human lives, our sorrow and joy, we praise you. Because your Spirit is at work today: encouraging, enabling, surprising us, we praise you. Poor as we are, you give us hope: Salt of the earth, you give us meaning and purpose, and we praise you.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*cf.* Mark 9.50)

Leader: Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?

All: Giving God, you blessed us with saltiness, but we became bland.

Leader: You trusted us with your Word,

All: But we did not keep it.

Leader: You lit a flame in our midst,

All: But we hid it under formality, smothered it with our fears.

Leader: God, in your mercy:

All: Forgive us.

(Silence)

Leader: Forgiving God, we believe that you have called us

All: to be salt and light;

Leader: that you offer us time and space and strength

All: to begin again.

(Silence)

Leader: Giving and forgiving God,

All. we thank you.

Leader: Have salt in yourself and be at peace with one another.

All: AMEN.

Leader: Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12 (New International Version)

Light the candle. Others joining virtually should light their candles at the same time.

Each householder says: You are welcome to this house. May the Lord give us a happy time together. Let us offer a prayer over the candle.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: We give thanks to God for light: the light that shines from the candle, sign of Christ our Risen Lord; the light we give each other as we share our joy, our trust, our hope. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PEACE

Leader: Lord, we thank you that through Your death and resurrection, mercy and truth have met together. Justice and peace have kissed each other, so we may live together in love. Jesus said: “My Peace I Give You.” Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

The Peace is shared. We say, “Peace be with you,” and reply, “and also with you.”

INTRODUCTION TO SHARING THE FEAST

Leader: At our tables we come as brothers and sisters in the Holy Family of God. Taste and see that God is good.

THE SHARING

Leader: Be present, be present, Lord Jesus, as you were in the midst of your disciples; and make yourself known to us as we share this food together: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

We “break bread” – Share our food and drink together.

Afterwards, we give thanks:

PRAYER

Leader: We thank you, God, for our daily bread for the food which delights and nourishes us and for the companionship that sustains us. We thank you, too, for drink to quench our thirst and for the Living Water with which you surprise and enrich and transform our lives.

All: Amen.

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 today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are thine now and forever. Amen.

SENDING OUT

BLESSING

Leader: Loving God, bless all who have gathered round our table (whether literally with us or virtually!). God bless each of us and in our times of need, may we find a table spread in the wilderness and companions along the way. May we know the fullness of Your presence at every meal and in all our sharing.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

Birthdays this week:

Erika Baitenmann (15), Guillermo Tejada (15), Silvia García (18), Max Jacob (18), Brigham Bowles (19).

Please e-mail any special petitions for inclusion in the next Sunday's Prayers of the People by 5 p.m. on Monday to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at:

office@christchurch.mx

When you pay your pledge or make any financial donation online, please inform our parish accountant Edgar Gómez at accounts@christchurch.mx or by telephone at the parish office, 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

Just whodunnit can number among the mysteries in this, our dear and magical, country. Help us, and Edgar, out.

Cuando pague su promesa o haga cualquier tipo de donación financiera, favor de informar al contador de nuestra parroquia, Edgar Gómez, al mail accounts@christchurch.mx o a los teléfonos de la oficina de la parroquia, 55 5202-0949 o 55 5520-3763.

Aquellos que ya lo hicieron pueden enumerar los problemas que han tenido en nuestro querido y fabuloso país. Ayúdenos y a Edgar también.

Help Update Our Parish Directory

Our parish directory is a mess, and we need all our members' help in updating it.

Please send your current e-mail address, and home and cell telephone numbers to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at office@christchurch.mx(.) Or call her at the church office: 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

If you wish, include the name(s) of your spouse or partner or children. Ditto if you want to indicate your nationality.

If you were recently contacted to verify your information, please disregard the above, and keep reading.

Please take the time to call or otherwise pass on this request to any church members who either don't use e-mail or whose contact information you know or suspect might have changed. And ask them to do the same. You might also check to see if someone saw this.

All information will be protected in conformity with the privacy laws and regulations of Mexico and Mexico City.

Por Favor Ayuden a Actualizar el Directorio de Nuestra Parroquia

Nuestro directorio de la parroquia tiene información muy antigua y por lo mismo no

podemos contactar a todos los feligreses de la iglesia. Necesitamos de su ayuda para actualizarlo. Por favor manden su correo electrónico actual, el teléfono de su casa y de su celular a la secretaria parroquial Mary Rosa Casar al correo office@christchurch.mx o comuníquense con ella a la oficina de la iglesia: 55 5202-0949 ó 55 5520-3763.

Si usted quiere, puede incluir los nombres de su esposa, compañera, o hijos. Si quiere, puede dar su nacionalidad.

En caso de haber sido contactado recientemente para verificar su información, por favor haga caso omiso y continúe leyendo.

Por favor llame y si puede pase esta petición a cualquiera de los feligreses quienes no tienen correo electrónico o a quienes se han cambiado y no han actualizado sus datos. Y también pídale hacer lo mismo para hacer una gran cadena y tener la información que se necesita. Usted también podría preguntarles a los feligreses si han leído esta información.

Toda la información está protegida en conformidad con las leyes de privacidad de México y la Ciudad de México.

Our customary gatherings remain suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In normal times, we celebrate Eucharist on Sundays in English at 8:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel, and in the church proper at 10:30 a.m. (with music) and in Spanish at 12:30 p.m., with all welcome to all services.

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