

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 11th, 2024

The Processional Hymn

[H] 137

The Collect

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 Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now 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.

The Response

Psalms 50: 1-6

- 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 Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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.

The Children's Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

The Gradual Hymn

[H] 129, stanzas 1 and 2

The Gospel Reading

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.

The Sermon Hymn

[H] 129, stanzas 3 and 4

The Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

The Offertory Anthem

"O Light of Light, Love Given Birth"

1 O Light of Light, Love given birth;
Jesus, Redeemer of the earth:
more bright than day your face did show,
your raiment whiter than the snow.

2 Two prophets, who had faith to see,
with your elect found company;
the heavens above your glory named,
your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.

3 May all who seek to praise aright
through purer lives show forth your light.
To you, the King of glory, now
all faithful hearts adoring bow.

Music: plainsong, mode 2; acc. James McGregor (1930-2022). Words: Latin, 10th century; tr Laurence Housman (1865-1959), alt.

Communion Hymns

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The Processional Hymn

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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 11	Souper Bowl of Caring 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Vestry Meeting
Monday, February 12	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Tuesday, February 13	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday, February 14	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, February 15	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 10:00 Bread from Heaven Set-Up
Friday, February 16	8:00 Pre-recorded Morning Prayer
Saturday, February 17	8:30 Bread from Heaven
Sunday, February 18	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Episcopalians 101 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Souper Bowl of Caring

Today, our youth will participate in this international effort to stop world hunger. They will be in the narthex before and after services with soup pots. They'll take your donations of non-perishable food and money, which they'll then report as part of the effort's total. Everything they collect will be donated to Bread from Heaven, but they'll also see the huge difference that can be made when each of us does our little part right where we are.

Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 6:00pm this Wednesday, February 14. Please join us for Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes.

Lent Wednesdays

Beginning on Wednesday, February 21, we will gather Wednesday evenings for supper at 6:00pm followed by a casual worship service at 6:30. To help provide all or part of a week's meal, sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Bread from Heaven

Our outreach crew has put together a "Top 10 List" for Bread from Heaven needs. Please make a note and keep an eye out for these products, as they are always in need for our food pantry:

1. Canned collard greens
2. Canned green beans
3. Canned tuna fish or chicken
4. Rice
5. Vienna sausages
6. Peanut butter
7. Canned fruit
8. Cereal
9. Macaroni & Cheese
10. Canned or dried beans

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-9, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Donations

To make an online contribution to Incarnation, go to our web site www.Incarnation-Gaffney.org and go to "Giving" under the "About" tab. Or scan the following QR code:



You can also text “Give” to (833)537-0569 to donate by text message. To cover the fees associated with any of these ways of giving, check the “cover fees” box. And thank you!

THOSE WHO SERVE

	February 14 Ash Wednesday 6:00
Greeters	Miles Gettys
Digital Greet.	Angharad Torres
Camera	Angharad Torres
Euch. Min.	Niccie Dearing
Crucifer	Niccie Dearing
1 st Lector	Ellie Bird
2 nd Lector	Cynthia Glidden
Pews	Asher Torres

THOSE WHO SERVE

	February 11 Last Epiphany 10:30	February 18 1 st Lent 10:30
Altar Guild	Hope Greene Marty Maret	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick
Coffee Hour	Marty Maret	Robin Childers
Greeters	Jamie and Hope Greene	Jennie Hamrick Carla Winter
Digital Greet.	Hope Greene	Niccie Dearing
Camera	Asher Torres	Don Bird
Nursery	Marty Maret	Cathy Roberts
Euch. Min.	Cynthia Glidden	Robin Childers
Crucifer	Angharad Torres	Noah Lindemann
1 st Lector	Hope Greene	John Gelok
2 nd Lector	Noah Lindemann	Joette Johnson
Intercessor	Gena Poovey	Ellie Bird
Flowers	Charlie Zinko	None
Counters	Ben Torres Carol Curtis	John Gelok Robin Childers
Pews	Hope Greene	Available