

## **THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:**

Morning Prayer – January 31, 2021

### **OPENING HYMN** - “I Want To Walk As a Child of the Light”

# 490, Hymnal 1982

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus

*Refrain:* In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Officiant:*

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

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Officiant and People:*

*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 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.***

*Officiant:* The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

*People:* ***Come let us adore him.***

**PSALM 50:1-6**

*Officiant and People:*

***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 FIRST LESSON - 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6**

*Reader:* A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

*People:* ***Thanks be to God.***

**THE GOSPEL - MARK 9:2-9**

*Gospeler:* A reading from the Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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.

*Gospeler:* Here ends the reading.

### THE SERMON

*The Rev. Benson Shelton*

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People:*

*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.

*Officiant and People:*

*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.*

## 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. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Reader:* God will come and will not keep silence. So let us pray: “Open our eyes; *open our ears.*”

Rabbi, it is good for us to be here in your presence. Open our eyes to your glory. Open our ears to your call. Open our lips and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*The people may add their own thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

*Reader:* Open our eyes;

***People:* Open our ears.**

*Reader:* To those who do not know your love and mercy, reveal yourself, great God. Shine your light through us that our lives might witness to your Son Jesus.

*Silence*

*Reader:* Open our eyes;

***People:* Open our ears.**

*Reader:* Holy One, you have chosen to wear the clouds and meet our forebears on the mountains. In doing so, you remind us that you created all things good and continue to manifest your glory through those things you have created. Remind us to also honor your creation.

*Silence*

*Reader:* Open our eyes;

***People:* Open our ears.**

*Reader:* O God, we thank you for those women and men in our lives who parent us, teach us, mentor us. Raise up strong leaders, O God, leaders who follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

*Silence*

*Reader:* Open our eyes;

***People:* Open our ears.**

*Reader:* You are a powerful God – ruler of the heavens and the earth – and yet, you are close enough to hear our humble prayers. Attend to our loved ones, those we name now.

*The people may add their own petitions, followed by silence.*

*Reader:* Open our eyes;

***People:* Open our ears.**

*Reader:* God, you are our hope. Trusting in your goodness, we make our song even at the grave: alleluia, alleluia!

*Silence*

*Reader:* Open our eyes;

*People:* *Open our ears.*

*Silence*

### **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 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.*

### **THE BLESSING**

*Officiant:*

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his only Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **CHRIST HAS NO BODY**

*Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)*

*Deacon:*

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,  
No hands but yours,  
No feet but yours,

Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion  
is to look out to the earth,

Yours are the feet by which he is to go about doing good  
And yours are the hands by which he is to bless us now.

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon:* Now let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.  
There is only one God, there is only one King.  
There is only one body. That is why we sing:  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.

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**DAILY PRAYERS**  
**INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

**Birthdays this week**

Dee Doyle  
Bobby Ryan  
Zach Miller  
John Bunt  
Katherine Gordon

**Anniversaries**

None

**Needs of our own congregation and others**

Anne Morris	Edie Clark	Peter Schwenke
Anthony Smith	Frank Drumheller	Ray Johns
Audrey Bryce	Haley Clark	Robert Dodd
Barbara Cook	Harry Gillispie	Rosalie White
Benjamin Ryan	Jack Kunlo	Russ Lloyd
Benji Brackman	Jackie Drumheller	Sally Jebson
Bill Browning	Jeanette Goss	Sonja Johns
Bo Cornwell	Joe Leary	Stephen Brown
Buddy Clark	Kirsten Brannon	Steve Breedwell
Caitlin Turner	Linda Stacey	Wayne Sanders
Carol Galloway	Martha Turner	The Gravette Family
Catherine	Melanie Chambers	Amanda Morin
Dan Hadlock	Nadine	
Doris Stover	Patrick & Della Edrington	

**Military**

Braeden Woodside (AWSAN USN)	Michael Sprinkel (US Navy)
Carrington Travers (PO)	Matthew Stevens (RTC USMC)
David A. Hoffman (Lt. Col.)	Nate Cotter (USMC)
Jessica Helsel (Capt.)	Rudolph Travers, Jr. (E3)
	Taylor Craddock (USSF)

**DEATHS** Carla McDevitt

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**February 14, 2021**

### **Holiday Closings - President's Day**

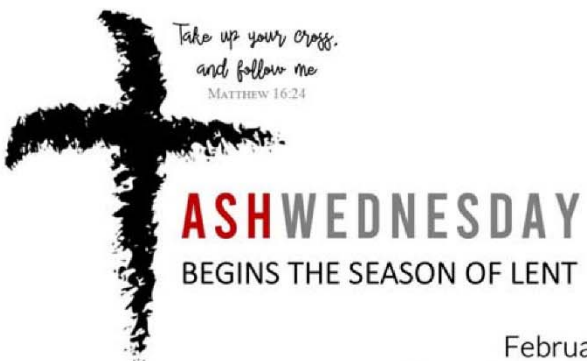
The Food Closet and the church office will be closed Feb. 15.

### **Please Welcome The Rev. Michael Gray - New Supply Priest**

Beginning Wed., Feb. 17, we welcome our new Supply Priest. Fr. Michael was our previous rector, and will be conducting services and providing pastoral care until March 14 – and then longer if need be.

### **Prayers of the People Update**

If you know of anyone on our prayer list who has been healed, let us celebrate by removing their name. If you would like someone to be remembered in our intercessory prayers during our Sunday service, or if you would like the clergy to include them in their private prayers, please email Karen: [krosica@ststephensculpeper.net](mailto:krosica@ststephensculpeper.net), by the Wednesday preceding that Sunday.



February 17  
12 PM Online Service

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we will have a worship service available for you online on Ash Wednesday. This service will be in the format that we have been using on Sundays, via Vimeo. A link will be sent to you at 10 AM.

**How Will We Do The Ashes?**

You can use your own ashes from your fireplace, fire pit, burning leaves, or by burning your palm cross from last year. You need only a very small amount. You can also pick up some bagged ashes in the church office this week. Instructions will be given during the service and there will be instructions in the bulletin as well.

You can pick up ashes from the church office, on the days and hours listed below. Note: The office may close due to inclement weather. Please call in advance: 540-825-8786.

Tues., Feb. 16: 9 AM – 2 PM  
Wed., Feb. 17: 9 AM – 11 AM

### **THE CULPEPER FOOD CLOSET NEED OF THE WEEK**

Below are a few items we need this week, however any donation is gratefully accepted.

- Canned Soups (vegetable, tomato, chunky)
- Crackers (saltines in sleeves, mixed types)
- Snack & Nutrition Bars
- Pop Tarts

Mail monetary donations to: The Culpeper Food Closet  
P.O. Box 343  
Culpeper, VA 22701



### **Let Us Welcome Our New Vestry**

Becky Walser, Sr. Warden  
Peyton Cramer, Co-Jr. Warden  
Phil Surber-Co-Jr. Warden  
Jamie Adams, Treasurer  
Velma Little  
Amy McCabe  
Marty Moon  
Jerry Myers  
Elizabeth O'Reilly  
Mary St. John  
Debbie Hoffman, Registrar

### **SCHEDULES**

Please note that due to the current transition, there may be some schedule changes or changes to our normal offerings. We will keep you updated as we move through this time together.

### **We're Here For You!**

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