



Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 12, 2012, 10:30 am

I will exalt you, O Lord,
Because You have lifted me up.

Psalm 30:1

We worship during the season of Epiphany according to The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two,
beginning on page 355 of the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

The Word of God

Processional Hymn (the people stand)

Here I Am, LordSH-61

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis (found in the Hymnal at S 280)

**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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully
accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do
nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that
in keeping your commandments we may please you both in
will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

The First Lesson – 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a
great man and in high favor with his master, because by him
the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a
mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on
one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land
of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her
mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in
Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman
went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of
Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I
will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand
shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the
letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter
reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant
Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the
king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said,
"Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to
me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is
trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel
had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why
have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may

learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm – Psalm 30

Refrain:

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.

I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *

and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Refrain:

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.

The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – Mark 1:40-45 (the people stand)

Hymn – *Servant Song*#SH-59
Verses 1-2

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Hymn – *Servant Song*#SH-59
Verses 3-4

Sermon

Jesus Reaches Out to the Outcasts

The Nicene Creed

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He 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 (Form III, page 387 of the Book
of Common Prayer)

Father, we pray for St. Alban's, Gainesville; for St. Alban's
Birmingham; for our companion diocese of Haiti and its
bishop, Zaché; for the convention of the Episcopal Church in
the Diocese of Alabama; for all persons who serve on parish
vestries; and for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Katharine, our presiding bishop, for Kee, our
bishop, for Arnold, our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and
deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word
and Sacraments.**

We pray for Barack, our President; for Robert, our governor;
for George, our mayor; and for all who govern and hold
authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly
kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin (the people stand or kneel)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Hymn*Take Our Bread*

Refrain:

**Take our bread, we ask You;
Take our hearts, we love You,
Take our lives, oh Father we are Yours,
We are Yours.**

**Yours as we stand at the table You set;
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of Your life with us yet,
We are Yours, we are Yours. (Refrain)**

**Your holy people standing washed in Your blood,
Spirit filled yet hungry we await Your food.
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best
that we could.
We are Yours, we are Yours. (Refrain)**

The Presentation

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him 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:

The people sing (found in the Hymnal at S 129)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. (+) Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor

and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

**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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn (the people stand)

The First Song of Isaiah.....SH-18

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Image on page one: "In the Master's Service" by Becky L White, found on www.devotionsfordifficultdays.webs.com.

Thanks to Tom Bray, who is providing music leadership today while Caleb Hart is away performing.

Please mark your calendars! This is the last Sunday for this schedule. Beginning next Sunday, February 19, we will be meeting on this schedule instead:

- 9:30 am – Worship in the Nave
- 10:40 am – Refreshments in the Parish Hall
- 10:40 am – Church school in the Parish Hall

Also beginning next week, Lee and Amanda Borden will lead us as we begin together a 6-week hands-on, interactive Church School study -- "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts and Putting Them To Work." Make sure you sign up now so we can order your copy of the text. The book costs \$9 and is designed for each participant to write responses in it, so we encourage each participant to buy a copy.

Parish Prayer List

Members:

- **Pam** Stewart
- **Lynda** Denton
- **Dot** Harris
- **Zoe** Bush

Friends and Relatives

- **Dawn** Jones (Jere and Pam VanEtten)
- **Roxie** Zabner (Amanda Borden)
- **Jim** Cantrell (Al Cantrell)
- **Alexander** Philip (Zander) Kerr, infant son of Kelly and Dan Kerr (Jean Kerr)
- **Amber and Dexsel** Jared (Kathy Haynie)
- **Troy** Warlick (Kathy Haynie)
- **Mary Alice** Merith (Shea Boland)
- **Michelle** Waswaller (Al Cantrell)

Serving at Epiphany this week:

Ushers: Jimmy and Betty Weldon
Altar Guild: Ann Easley and Laura Williams
Lay Reader: Amanda Borden
Chalice Bearer: Pam VanEtten
Refreshments: Betty Weldon
Stewards: Ann Easley and Al Cantrell