



Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 22, 2012, 9:30 am

"Come away to a deserted place
all by yourselves and rest a while."

Excerpt from Mark 6:31

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

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing.....493

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Christ For the World We Sing.....537
Verse 1

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our
necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have
compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those
things which for our unworthiness we dare not ask, and for our
blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

The First Lesson – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of
my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD,
the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd
my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have
driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I
will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I
myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands
where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their
fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up
shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall
not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing,
says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise
up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king
and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness
in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live
in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The
LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm – Psalm 24

Refrain:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's
sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *

**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *

**you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Refrain:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Epistle – Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the
uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" --
a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands--
remember that you were at that time without Christ, being
aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the
covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the
world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have
been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace;

in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – Mark 6:30-34; 53-56 (the people stand)

Hymn: *In the Garden*.....SH-41
Verses 1-2

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

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Hymn: *In the Garden*.....SH-41
Verse 3

Sermon

The Nicene Creed (*the people stand*)

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 I, page 383 of the Book of Common Prayer)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For **Lynda Denton, Dot Harris, John Rand, Alice Williams, Lannon Poole, Zoe Bush, Dawn Jones** (Jere and Pam VanEtten), **Amber, Jared and Dezsél Oliver** (Kathy Haynie), **Brandon Boland** (Cathy Jones), **James Wray Bush** (Arnold Bush), **Bobby Borden** (Amanda Borden), **the family and**

friends of Ed Christian, Ladarius Phillips, and Demario Pitts (Arnold Bush), Chris Eady (Lynne Eady), Beverly Johnson, Bobby Gillis, and Columbus Gillis (Ann Easley), and the others we now name: *(the people here add their own petitions)*, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.** *(Silence)*

The Celebrant may add 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.**

Commitment of Lee Borden to Serve as Verger

After the Act of Commitment, the Celebrant says:

Lee, may the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in your service as verger, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of his Christ. **Amen.**

In the name of this congregation I commend you to this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support.

All who wish to do so may come forward to lay on hands as the celebrant prays:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon this person who has now reaffirmed his commitment to follow Christ and to serve as verger of our church in Christ's name. Give him courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Offertory Hymn:

Glorify Thy NameSH-2

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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.

Communion Hymn – *Come Into His Presence*.....SH-1

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 Church's One Foundation.....525

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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In becoming the verger at Epiphany today, Lee Borden continues an Anglican tradition more than 700 years old, yet as timely as a warm smile. The role of verger is designed to be unique within each congregation but always focused on serving the church in a ministry of welcome. Lee has identified a particular emphasis on helping to bring poetry and drama to our worship services. As verger, he serves under the supervision of and at the pleasure of Father Arnold, the Priest-in-Charge.

Serving at Epiphany this week

Ushers: Lee and Amanda Borden
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones and Betty Weldon
Lay Reader: Maurice McCord
Chalice Bearer: Jere VanEtten

Refreshments: Ann Easley
Stewards: Jere and Pam VanEtten
Grounds: Tom Bray and Caleb Hart

(Please leave on the table in the Narthex as you exit)

What hymns should we sing more often? My name (optional): _____

My favorite hymns are: _____
