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**Mark 12:43b-44**

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

November 11, 2012, 9:30 am

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: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*.....494

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: *Take My Life*.....707  
(We will use the better known *Messiah* Tune)

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

The First Lesson – 1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of

meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm – Psalm 146

*Refrain:*

**Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \***

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
**for there is no help in them.**

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
**whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
**who keeps his promise for ever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
**and food to those who hunger.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
**the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**  
**The LORD loves the righteous;**

the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
**he sustains the orphan and widow,**  
**but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.**  
**Hallelujah!**

*Refrain:*

**Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \***

The Epistle – Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second

time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – Mark 12:38-44 (the people stand)

Hymn: *Not Here for High and Holy Things*.....9  
Verses 1-3

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Teaching in the temple, Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Hymn: *Not Here for High and Holy Things*.....9  
Verses 4-6

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 II, page 385 of the Book of Common Prayer)

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Kee and Santosh; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. (*Silence*)

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. (*Silence*)

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, and those in need of your blessing, including **Lynda** Denton, **Dot** Harris, **Alice** Williams, **Lannon** Poole, **Dawn** Jones (Jere and Pam VanEtten), **Amber**, **Jared** and **Dezsel** Oliver (Kathy Haynie), **Brandon** Boland (Cathy Jones), **Bobby** Borden (Amanda Borden), **Chris** Eady (Lynne Eady), **Beverly** Johnson, **Bobby** Gillis, and **Columbus** Gillis (Ann Easley), **Lisa** Wallace (Laura Williams), **Leni** Young (Pat Jordan), **Jenna** Moates (Kelli Kerr), **Wilson** Owen Weaver – Thanksgiving (Jere and Pam Van Etten), **John** Myer (Ann Easley, John and Kathy Haynie), **Chelsea** Baker (Ann Easley), **Cathy** Hall (Ann Easley), Family of **Dean** Shelton (Ann Easley), **Mike** Bailey (Ann Easley), **Rosie** Jackson (Pam Van Etten), and the others we now name: (*the people here add their own petitions*).

Pray for those in any need or trouble. (*Silence*)

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him. (*Silence*)

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died. (*Silence*)

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. (*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.**

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: *Freely, Freely*.....SH-40

### 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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*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*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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: *In Remembrance of Me*.....SH-63

*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)

*Before Thy Throne, O God We Kneel*.....574

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Serving at Epiphany this week***

Ushers: Maurice and Debra McCord  
Altar Guild: Ann Easley and Laura Williams  
Lay Reader: Lavonne Hart

Chalice Bearer: Lee Borden  
Refreshments: Pam Van Etten  
Stewards: Jere and Pam Van Etten

***And next***

Ushers: Eddie and Pam Harper  
Altar Guild: Jean Kerr  
Lay Reader: Amanda Borden

Chalice Bearer: John Haynie  
Refreshments: Jean Kerr  
Stewards: Al Cantrell and Ann Easley