

We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing!

Processional Hymn

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
25th Sunday After Pentecost
Annual Membership Meeting
November 18, 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

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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.**

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for
our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn,
and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever
hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have
given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 – Daniel 12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time
Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall
arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never
occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that
time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found
written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of
the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to
shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall
shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead
many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm – Psalm 16

Refrain:
Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O LORD, YOU are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Refrain:
Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you.

The Epistle – Hebrews 10:11-14; 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering
again and again the same sacrifices that can never take
away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single
sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and
since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be
made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has
perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the
sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way
that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his
flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of
God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of
faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to
the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has
promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one
another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet
together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one
another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – Mark 13:1-8 (the people
stand)

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Verses 1-2

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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

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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 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), **Ed** Clayton (Jean Kerr), 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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: *They'll Know We Are Christians*.....SH-24

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.**

Recessional Hymn (the people stand)
Come Ye Thankful People Come.....290

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Join us in the parish hall after worship. Dr Bill Shell will teach at 10:40 on “What does the Periodic Table of the Elements have to do with faith?” At 11:45, we will enjoy lunch together and have our annual meeting. We will hear reports, highlight goals for next year, and elect three new vestry members.

Serving at Epiphany this week

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

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