

**Oh, worship the King, all glorious above.  
Oh, gratefully sing his power and his love!**

Processional Hymn

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Last Sunday After Pentecost  
Christ the King  
November 25, 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: *O Worship the King*

**Oh, worship the King, all glorious above.  
Oh, gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.  
Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has founded of old,  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.  
Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.  
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!**

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 Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all  
things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of  
lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided  
and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together  
under his most gracious rule; 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 – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm – Psalm 93

*Refrain:*

**The LORD is King . . . for ever and for evermore.**

The LORD is King;  
he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
**the LORD has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.**

He has made the whole world so sure \*  
**that it cannot be moved;**

Ever since the world began, your throne has been  
established; \*

**you are from everlasting.  
The waters have lifted up, O LORD,**  
the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
**the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
**mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
**and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,  
for ever and for evermore.**

*Refrain:*

**The LORD is King . . . for ever and for evermore.**

The Epistle – Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and  
who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his  
throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the  
firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,  
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and  
Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.  
Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is  
and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – John 18:33-37 (the people  
stand)

Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*.....550  
Verses 1-3

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus,  
and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus  
answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell  
you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your  
own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to  
me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is  
not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my  
followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed  
over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."  
Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You

say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came  
into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to  
the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*.....550  
Verses 4-5

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), **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), **Ed** Clayton (Jean Kerr), **Billie** Wilkinson, **Lindsey** Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), 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: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.....652*

### 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.

**Glorify 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: *He is Lord* (repeated).....SH-30

A General Thanksgiving (page 836 of the Book of Common Prayer). *The people stand or kneel.*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn (the people stand)

*How Great Thou Art*.....SH-37

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Today we bid farewell to the Season of Pentecost, and here at Epiphany, to the use of Eucharistic Prayer C. Join us next Sunday as we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent. Yes, it's that time!

**Serving at Epiphany this week**

Ushers: Jimmy and Betty Weldon  
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones and Laura Williams  
Lay Reader: Maurice McCord

Chalice Bearer: Jere Van Etten  
Refreshments: Laura Williams  
Stewards: Eddie and Pam Harper

**And next**

Ushers: Al Cantrell and Laura Williams  
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon and Pam Van Etten  
Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie

Chalice Bearer: Jean Kerr  
Refreshments: Betty Weldon  
Stewards: Al Cantrell and Ann Easley