

O God the Father,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
Have mercy upon us.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
First Sunday in Lent  
February 17, 2013, 10:30 am

from The Great Litany

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

### The Liturgy of the Word

The Great Litany.....Book of Common Prayer, page 148

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 – Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

*Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16*

*Refrain:*

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
**abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**

He shall say to the LORD,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
**my God in whom I put my trust."**

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
**and the Most High your habitation,**

There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
**neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
**to keep you in all your ways.**

They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
**lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
**you shall trample the young lion and the serpent  
under your feet.**

Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
**I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
**I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**

With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
**and show him my salvation.**

*Refrain:*

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**

*The Epistle – Romans 10:8b-13*

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – Luke 4:1-13 (the people stand)

Hymn: *On Eagle's Wings*.....SH-80  
Verses 1-2

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glorify to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was

tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Hymn: *On Eagle's Wings*.....SH-80  
Verses 3-4

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 VI, page 392 of the Book  
of Common Prayer)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for  
those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and  
oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,  
and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek  
the Truth.**

For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, for Kee nd Santosh, our  
Bishop(s); and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

Let us pray for **Lynda Denton, Dot Harris, Alice Williams,  
Charlotte and Lannon Poole, Pam Harper, Amber, Jared and  
Dezsel Oliver (Kathy Haynie), Brandon Boland (Cathy Jones),  
Chris Eady (Lynne Eady), Lisa Wallace (Laura Williams),  
Jenna Moates (Kelli Kerr), John Myer (Ann Easley, John and  
Kathy Haynie), Ed Clayton (Jean Kerr), Billie Wilkinson,  
Lindsey Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), Melinda Henderson  
(Ann Easley), Kathy Brumbleloe (Ann Easley), Lee Musso  
(Cathy Jones), Oletta Goodwin, Sherry Gritz, (Arnold Bush),  
Jackie Henderson (Ann Easley), Kyle Pearson (Arnold Bush),  
and the others we now name: (*the people here add their own  
petitions*).**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

### 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:

*If Thou But Trust in God To Guide Thee.....635*

### 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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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 Christ There Is No East or West*.....529

*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: *Yield Not To Temptation*

**1. Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;  
Each victory will help you some other to win;  
Fight valiantly onward, dark passions subdue,  
Look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.**

*Refrain:*

**Ask the Savior to help you,  
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;  
He is willing to aid you,  
He will carry you through.**

**2. Shun evil companions, bad language disdain,  
God's Name hold in reverence, nor take it in vain;  
Be thoughtful and earnest, kindhearted and true,  
Look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.**

**3. To those that o'ercometh, God giveth a crown;  
Through faith we shall conquer, though often cast  
down;  
He Who is our Savior our strength will renew;  
Look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Invite a friend to come with you to the Wellness Seminar this afternoon in the parish hall, from 3:00 until 5:00 pm. The seminar will feature health coach Pat Jordan and our own Dr John Rand describing "Healthy Habits for Those Over 50."

***Serving at Epiphany this week . . .***

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

Chalice Bearer: Laura Williams  
Refreshments: Ann Easley  
Stewards: Jere and Pam Van Etten

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