

Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.

John 14:27a

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Morning Prayer  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2013, 10:30 am

We worship today according to the appointed order for Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two,  
beginning on page 75 of the Book of Common Prayer.

*We begin with quiet reflection and meditation in the nave.*

Processional Hymn:

*All Creatures of Our God and King*.....400

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Confession of Sin (the people stand or kneel)

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel or stand in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Jubilate - Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

**serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

**he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; \*

**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;**

his mercy is everlasting; \*

**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Hymn of Praise: *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*.....513

*The Psalm - Psalm 67 (the people remain standing)*

Refrain:

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;**

**let all the peoples praise you.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*

**show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*

**your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

**let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*

**for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

**let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has brought forth her increase; \*

**may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

May God give us his blessing, \*

**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

Refrain:

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;**

**let all the peoples praise you.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit for all of the lessons)

*The First Lesson - Acts 16:9-15*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, he immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer

in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle 8 - The Song of Moses  
(Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
**the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.**

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
**the Lord has become my Savior.**

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
**the God of my people and I will exalt him.**

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
**Yahweh is his Name.**

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
**the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.**

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
**they sank into the depths like a stone.**

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
**your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.**

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
**who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
**the earth swallowed them up.**

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
**with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.**

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
**on the mount of your possession,**

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
**the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**

The Lord shall reign \*  
**for ever and for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The Epistle: Revelation 21:10; 21:22-27; 22:1-5*

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices

abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle 9 - The First Song of Isaiah  
(Isaiah 12:2-6)*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
**and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
**from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say, \*  
**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
**and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The Gospel Lesson : John 14:23-29*

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Apostles' Creed (the people stand)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**For only in you can we live in safety.**

### The Collects

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; 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 Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

The Offertory Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

**Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.**

### 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 Prayers of the People (Form III, page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer)

Father, we pray for St. Philip's, Fort Payne; St. James, Alexander City; our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Ogé; the Diocesan Ecumenical/Interfaith Commission; WELCOME Center (Millbrook); and for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and our Anglican Communion, for Katharine, our presiding bishop, for Kee and Santosh, our bishops, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Barack, our President; for Robert, our governor; for Bobby, our mayor; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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 Dubay), **Lisa** Wallace (Laura Williams), **Jenna** Moates (Kelli Kerr), **John** Myer (Ann Easley, John and Kathy Haynie), **Billie** Wilkinson, **Lindsey** Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Melinda** Henderson (Ann Easley), **Kathy** Brumbleloe (Ann Easley), **Lee** Musso (Cathy Jones), **Oletta** Goodwin, **Sherry** Gritz (Jean Kerr), **Jackie** Henderson (Ann Easley), **Susan** (Eddie and Pam Harper); **Jack** Heil (Ramona Heil-Norris); and **Clifford** Flood (Jean Kerr).

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble  
thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn:

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*.....405

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

Ushers: Greg and Lynne Dubay  
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon and Pam Van Etten  
Lay Reader: Betty Weldon  
Piano: Emily Simon

Officiant: Jean Kerr  
Refreshments: Pam Harper  
Stewards: Jere and Pam Van Etten

**and next . . .**

Ushers: Jere and Pam Van Etten  
Altar Guild: Ann Easley and Laura Williams  
Lay Reader: Laura Williams  
Piano: Caleb Hart

Chalice Bearer: Jere Van Etten  
Refreshments: Ramona Heil-Norris  
Steward: Ann Easley