

**As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.**

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Proper 7
June 23, 2013, 10:30 am

Psalm 42:1

We worship today 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.....388

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: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*.....686

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your
holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom
you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-
kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 – 1 Kings 19:1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had
killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a
messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and
more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of
them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up
and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs
to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and
came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked
that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my
life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down
under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel
touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked,
and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a
jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The
angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and
said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much
for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the
strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the
mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent
the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are
you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very
zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites
have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and
killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they
are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the
LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a
great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and
breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD
was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but
the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the
earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after
the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he
wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the
entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that
said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I
have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for
the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down
your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone
am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then
the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the
wilderness of Damascus."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 42

Refrain:

**As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.**

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
**when shall I come to appear before the presence of
God?**

My tears have been my food day and night, *
**while all day long they say to me,
"Where now is your God?"**

I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
**how I went with the multitude and led them into the
house of God,**

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; *

**for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

My soul is heavy within me; *

**therefore I will remember you from the land of
Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of
Hermon.**

One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
**in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**

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 IV, page 388 of the Book of Common Prayer)

Let us pray for Trinity, Alpine; Trinity, Clanton; our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Ogé; The Sawyerville Commission; Sawyerville Day Camps; and St. Alban's Music Camp, Birmingham. (*Silence*) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. (*Silence*) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. (*Silence*) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. (*Silence*) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. (*Silence*) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal these persons: **Lynda** Denton, **Dot** Harris, **Alice** Williams, **Charlotte** and **Lannon** Poole, **Pam** Harper, **Pam** Van Etten, **Dee** Shell, **Amber**, **Jared** and **Dezsel** Oliver (Kathy Haynie), **Brandon** Boland (Cathy Jones), **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), **Jack** Heil (Ramona Heil-Norris); and **Clifford** Flood (Jean Kerr).

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. (*Silence*) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (*Silence*) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds 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

The Offertory Hymn:

As the Deer Pants For the Water.....SH-95

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

(Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p 369)

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:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*.....S 130

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.

Fraction Anthem: *O Lamb of God*.....S 157

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: *One Bread, One Body*.....SH-94

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*):

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!.....450

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We are delighted to welcome back Charles Womelsdorf to serve as our supply priest today. Charles and Sarah are long-time friends of Epiphany; Charles is currently the associate priest at St. John's Episcopal, Montgomery.

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

Ushers: To be determined
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones
Lay Reader: Lee Borden
Piano: Caleb Hart

Chalice Bearer: Jean Kerr
Refreshments: Cathy Jones
Stewards: Maurice and Debra McCord

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Chalice Bearer: Tom Bray
Refreshments: Betty Weldon
Stewards: Jere and Pam Van Etten