

"See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel."

Amos 7:8b

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

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 14, 2013, 10:30 am

**The Liturgy of the Word**

Processional Hymn:

*I Come with Joy To Meet My Lord*.....304

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.**

*(We repeat the Trisagion three times):*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call  
upon you, and grant that they may know and understand  
what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and  
power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ 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 – Amos 7:7-17*

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing  
beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his  
hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"  
And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people  
Israel; I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the  
sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of  
Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very  
center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all  
his words. For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land."

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the  
land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there;  
but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's  
sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a  
prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of  
sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the  
flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people  
Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.

You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel,  
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the LORD:

'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,  
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,  
and your land shall be parceled out by line;  
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,  
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 82*

Refrain:

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
**he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**

"How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
**and show favor to the wicked?**

Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
**defend the humble and needy;**

Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
**deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
**all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
**and all of you children of the Most High;**

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
**and fall like any prince.'"**

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
**for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Refrain:

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for you shall take all nations for your own.**

*The Epistle - Colossians 1:1-14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and  
Timothy our brother. To the saints and faithful brothers and  
sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from  
God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in  
Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,  
because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have  
heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel

that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

The Gospel Sequence – Luke 10:25-37 (the people stand)

Hymn: *Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service.....*610  
Verses 1-2

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Hymn: *Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service.....*610  
Verses 3-4

Sermon

The Rev Dr Wells Warren

The Nicene Creed

**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 IV, page 388 of the Book of Common Prayer)

Let us pray for Emmanuel Church, Opelika; our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Ogé; the ministry of the University of the South, its college of liberal arts and sciences and its seminary. (*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, **Kara Shea** and **Jim** Davis, **Amber**, **Jared** and **Dezsel** Oliver (Kathy Haynie), **Brandon** Boland (Cathy Jones), **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). (*Silence, during which the people offer their own petitions*)

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 **Ondi** and 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:

*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*.....660

### 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)*

*(Musical Response in the Hymnal at S 120)*

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 and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel; 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.**

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: *Glorify Thy Name*.....SH-2

*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*):

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*.....344

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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Lee Borden has finished his coursework to become a Fellow in the Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church. Included in the coursework is a great deal of information about Epiphany, including its history, members, and facilities. The coursework is in a notebook, which for the next several weeks will be on the stewards' work table in the Little House. Stop by and take a look.

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

Ushers: Greg and Lynne Dubay  
Altar Guild: Laura Williams  
Lay Reader: Nancy Dupree  
Piano: Caleb Hart

Chalice Bearer: Lee Borden  
Refreshments: To be determined  
Stewards: To be determined

### **and next . . .**

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

Chalice Bearer: Jere Van Etten  
Refreshments: Pam Harper  
Stewards: To be determined