

"Proclaim the message; be persistent  
whether the time is favorable or unfavorable"

2 Timothy 4:2a

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
22nd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)  
October 20, 2013, 10:30 am

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:

*Faith of Our Fathers*.....558

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*.....S 280

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed  
your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your  
mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere  
with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 – Jeremiah 31:27-34*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow  
the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of  
humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched  
over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy,  
and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,  
says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who  
eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will  
make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house  
of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their  
ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of  
the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was  
their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I  
will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the  
LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their  
hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.  
No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,  
"Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least  
of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their  
iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 119:97-104*

Oh, how I love your law!  
all the day long it is in my mind.

**Your commandment has made me wiser than my  
enemies,  
and it is always with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your decrees are my study.

**I am wiser than the elders,  
because I observe your commandments.**

I restrain my feet from every evil way,  
that I may keep your word.

**I do not shrink from your judgments,  
because you yourself have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste!  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

**Through your commandments I gain  
understanding;  
therefore I hate every lying way.**

*The Epistle - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly  
believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from  
childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able  
to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All  
scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for  
reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so  
that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,  
equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge  
the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his  
kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be  
persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;  
convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in  
teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up  
with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will  
accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,  
and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander  
away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure  
suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your  
ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – Luke 18:1-8 (the people stand)

Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*.....660  
Verses 1-2

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*.....660  
Verses 3-4

Sermon Father Wells

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 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 Wells, our Priest, 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 for **Lynda** Denton, **Dot** and **Thurman** Harris, **Charlotte** and **Lannon** Poole, **Pam** Harper, **Dee** Shell, **Greg** Dubay, **Janet** Bray, **Dezsel** Oliver (Kathy Haynie), **Billie** Wilkinson, **Lindsey** Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Kathy** Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten), **Oletta** Goodwin, **Sherry** Gritz (Jean Kerr), **Clifford** Flood (Jean Kerr), **Lois** Shytle (Bill Shell), **James** Barnes (Bill Shell), and **Lee** Leahey (Charlotte Poole), **Joe** Wilson (Jean Kerr), **Joe** Ruffner (Cathy Jones), **Janet** Carlisle (Cathy Jones), **Brandon** Boland (Cathy Jones), **Marianne** Frucci (Cathy Jones), **Travis** McKeown (Cathy Jones), **Rip** and **Micah** Palmer (Lavonne Hart), and the others we now name: (*Silence, during which the people offer 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 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

Offertory Hymn: *We Limit Not the Truth of God*.....629

#### 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 A, BCP p 361)*

*(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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Father Wells says or sings a Proper Preface)*

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:

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

*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.*

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.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

Communion Hymn: Sweet Hour of Prayer

**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**

**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

*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*):

*I Love To Tell the Story*.....SH-83

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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

Ushers: Greg and Lynne Dubay  
Altar Guild: Jean Kerr  
Lay Reader: Jean Kerr  
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Jean Kerr  
Refreshments: Laura Williams  
Stewards: Eddie and Pam Harper

***and next . . .***

Ushers: Eddie and Pam Harper  
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones  
Lay Reader: Nancy Dupree  
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Lee Borden  
Refreshments: Amanda Borden  
Stewards: Cathy Jones and Laura Williams