

"Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord"

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
23rd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25)
October 27, 2013, 10:30 am

From our Gospel Sequence hymn

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:

How Firm a Foundation.....636

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 of Praise:

For the Beauty of the Earth.....416

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith,
hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you
promise, make us love what you command; 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 – Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.
Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood
and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to
darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and
terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on
the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and
in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD
has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the
LORD calls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

**To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.**

Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out.

**Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

**You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will
tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.

**You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

**You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.**

The Epistle - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – Luke 18:9-14 (the people stand)

Hymn: *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*.....SH-71

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Hymn: *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*.....SH-71
(Repeat)

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

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 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: *Spirit of the Living God*.....SH-8

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.**

Recessional Hymn (*the people stand*):
O God Our Help in Ages Past.....680

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

Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Naming Our Departed Saints

Next Sunday, November 3, we will commemorate All Saints' Sunday. We will call the names of those dear to us who have died during the past year. They need not be church members. Please print clearly the names of those you would like to add to the list and return this bulletin to the table in the narthex as you leave, or give it to Lee Borden. You may check the list as it develops on EpiphanyTallasse.org.

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

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

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Ushers: Lee and Amanda Borden
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon and Pam Van Etten
Lay Reader: Lavonne Hart
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Jere Van Etten
Refreshments: Cathy Jones
Stewards: Pam and Jere Van Etten