

"Sing to the Lord a new song
for he has done marvelous things."

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
25th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27)
November 10, 2013, 10:30 am

Psalms 98:1a

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:

Earth and All Stars.....412

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might
destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God
and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may
purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again
with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his
eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with
you and then Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

The First Lesson – Haggai 1:15b-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on
the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came
by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son
of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of
Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people,
and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its
former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your
sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says
the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the
high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the
LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts,
according to the promise that I made you when you came out
of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus
says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will
shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry
land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of
all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor,
says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is
mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this
house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of
hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD
of hosts.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the
nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory
of our God.**

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

The Epistle - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being
gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters,
not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit
or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that
the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in
any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion
comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined
for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every
so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat
in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not
remember that I told you these things when I was still with
you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and
sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the
first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and
through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you
through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may
obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers
and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you
were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,
who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and
good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every
good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – Luke 20:27-38 (the people stand)

Hymn: *The God of Abraham Praise*.....401
Verses 1-3

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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

Hymn: *The God of Abraham Praise*.....401
Verses 4-5

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 Katharine, our presiding bishop; for Kee and Santosh, our bishops; 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, Dezzel 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), 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 **Janet Carlisle** and all 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: *Nearer, My God, To Thee*.....SH-90

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: *In His Time*.....SH-3

*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

Recessionary Hymn: *Blessed Assurance*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine,
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.**

(Chorus)

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

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

Thanks be to God.

Should We Light the Sign?

The sign installed in front of the church is equipped to be lighted from within at night. It is not lighted now, however, because there is no power running to it yet. The vestry would like to know your preference about whether to do that. The cost would be about a thousand dollars, which would include the cost of moving the meter to a location that would not be affected by a later decision to move the Little House. During November, please communicate your opinion to one of the vestry members (Amanda Borden, Cathy Jones, Jean Kerr, Jere Van Etten, Father Wells, Jimmy Weldon, or Laura Williams).

Messiah From Scratch

What's the best way to take advantage of the wonderful acoustics of our nave? To come to church here like you did today, of course. Okay, what's the next best way? How about singing Handel's *Messiah* in it? On a date during the Christmas season, tentatively December 15, we will bring our lovely nave alive with the glorious music of *Messiah* in 4-part harmony. Watch <http://epiphanytallassee.org/messiah/> for more information.

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

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

Eucharistic Minister: Tom Bray
Refreshments: Pam Van Etten
Stewards: Maurice and Debra McCord

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