

"You will be hated by all because  
of my name. But not a hair of  
your head will perish."

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
26th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)  
November 17, 2013, 10:30 am

Luke 21:17-18

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:

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*.....620

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: *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor*.....596

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for  
our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn,  
and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever  
hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have  
given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 – Isaiah 65:17-25*

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a  
youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered  
accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD--  
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;

but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9 - *The First Song of Isaiah*.....SH-18

*The Epistle - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in  
idleness and not according to the tradition that they received  
from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate  
us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not  
eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and  
labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden  
any of you. This was not because we do not have that right,  
but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when  
we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone  
unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of  
you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any  
work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord  
Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own  
living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is  
right.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – Luke 21:5-19 (the people  
stand)

Hymn: *Be Not Afraid*.....SH-47  
Verse 1

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

**Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was  
adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God,  
Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will  
come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be  
thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be  
the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said,  
"Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my  
name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go  
after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

Hymn: *Be Not Afraid*.....SH-47  
Verses 2 & 3

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, Janet Bray, Dezel 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), Lee Leahey (Charlotte Poole), 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 **Lois Shytte** 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:

*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee.....635*

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: *Soon and Very Soon*

**1. Soon and very soon,  
We are going to see the King;  
Soon and very soon,  
We are going to see the King;  
Soon and very soon,  
We are going to see the King;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
We're going to see the King.**

**2. No more dying there, . . .  
3. No more crying there, . . .**

*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: *We're Marching to Zion*

**1. Come, we that love the Lord,  
And let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
And thus surround the throne,  
And thus surround the throne.**

**Chorus:**

**We're marching to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion,  
The beautiful city of God.**

**2. Let those refuse to sing  
Who never knew our God;  
But children of the heavenly King,  
But children of the heavenly King  
May speak their joys abroad,  
May speak their joys abroad.**

**(Chorus)**

**3. Then let our songs abound,  
And ev'ry tear be dry;  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high,  
To fairer worlds on high.**

**(Chorus)**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Have You Weighed In on Lighting the Sign?

During the month of November the vestry is asking for your preference about whether to extend electrical power to light the sign in front of the church. The church has already paid for lights installed within the sign; turning them on would cost approximately \$1,000, about \$500 to extend the line and about \$500 to move the meter to a location where it wouldn't be affected later by a 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).

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

Ushers: Laura Williams and Nancy Dupree  
Altar Guild: Jean Kerr  
Lay Reader: Maurice McCord  
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Tom Bray  
Refreshments: Jean Kerr  
Stewards: Eddie and Pam Harper

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

Ushers: Maurice and Debra McCord  
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones  
Lay Reader: John Rand  
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Jean Kerr  
Refreshments: Laura Williams  
Stewards: Cathy Jones and Laura Williams