

"This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased."

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
1st Sunday after the Epiphany
January 12, 10:30 am

Matthew 3:17b

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:

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High.....448

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.**

Glory to God.....S 280

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River
Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him
with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his
Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly
confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy
Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

The First Lesson – Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD *

all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *

the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; *

**the LORD shall give his people the blessing of
peace.**

The Second Lesson - Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that
God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who
fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You
know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching
peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message
spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the
baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went
about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the
devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he
did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by
hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day
and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us
who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and
drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded
us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one
ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the

prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – Matthew 3:13-17 (the people stand)

Hymn: *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*.....132
Verses 1-3

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

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Hymn: *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*.....132
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 III, page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer)

Father, we pray for Saint Stephen's, Huntsville; for Grace Church, Anniston; for our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishops, Zaché and Ogé; for the board, officers and members of Episcopal Church Women; for the trustees of the University of the South; and for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Katharine, our presiding bishop, for Kee and Santosh, our bishops, for Wells, our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Barack, our President; for Robert, our governor; for Bobby, our mayor; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to Lou Esteves, Alma Douglas and all the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for **Lynda Denton, Dot and Thurman Harris, Charlotte and Lannon Poole, 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), Robert Lumpkin (Barbara Trogdon), Emmanuel Rico (Mike and Elizabeth Harber), Carrie Phillips (Sharon Cleary), Nancy Jones (Nancy Dupree), Jane Clayton (Jean Kerr) Clifford Stroh (Amanda Borden)** and the others we now name: *(the people may add their own petitions)*.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant may add a suitable 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:

Fairest Lord Jesus.....383

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 B, BCP p 367)

(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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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: *Jesus, Lamb of God*.....S 164

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 Song*.....SH-45

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*):
Jesus Shall Reign.....544

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Blessing

Eucharistic Minister Training. All who wish to serve as Eucharistic Ministers are invited to a training workshop in the nave immediately following worship today. We hope all who wish to serve will be present, even those who have been serving already. We can all use a refresher!

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

Ushers: Eddie and Pam Harper
Altar Guild: Jean Kerr
Lay Reader: Laura Williams
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Jere Van Etten
Refreshments: Pam Van Etten
Stewards: Eddie and Pam Harper

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Ushers: Nancy Dupree and Barbara Trogdon
Altar Guild: Laura Williams
Lay Reader: Mike Harber
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: To be determined
Refreshments: Janet Bray
Stewards: Pam Van Etten and Sharon Cleary