

"Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe."

John 20:29b

We worship today according to the order for Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two,
beginning on page 75 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Morning Prayer
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2014, 10:30 am

Processional Hymn:

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing.....205

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Confession of Sin

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us stand or kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence. The people stand or kneel.

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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.
Alleluia.

Venite - Psalm 95.....S 35

The Psalm - Psalm 16 (the people remain standing)

Refrain:

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *

shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *

nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O LORD, YOU are my portion and my cup; *

it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *

indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *

my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; *

because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *

my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *

nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *

in your presence there is fullness of joy,

and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Refrain:

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons (the people sit for all of the lessons)

The First Lesson - Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
 moreover my flesh will live in hope.
 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
 or let your Holy One experience corruption.
 You have made known to me the ways of life;
 you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'
 "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our
 ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his
 tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew
 that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put
 one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David
 spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying ,
 'He was not abandoned to Hades,
 nor did his flesh experience corruption.'
 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are
 witnesses."
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 8 - The Song of Moses
(Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
 The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
 This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
 The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.
 The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the
 sea; *
**the finest of those who bear armor have been
 drowned in the Red Sea.**
 The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
**your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the
 enemy.**
 Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
**who is like you, glorious in holiness,
 awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**
 You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
 With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
**with your might you brought them in safety to
 your holy dwelling.**
 You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
 The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
**the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has
 established.**
 The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
 ever. Amen.**

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The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By
 his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and
 into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and
 unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by
 the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be
 revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a
 little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the
 genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold
 that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to
 result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is
 revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and
 even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and
 rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are
 receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your
 souls.
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson : John 20:19-31

When it was evening on the day of Resurrection, the first day
 of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples
 had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and
 stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he
 said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the
 disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to
 them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me,
 so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them
 and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the
 sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of
 any, they are retained."
 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve,
 was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples
 told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them,
 "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my
 finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will
 not believe."
 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and
 Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus
 came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my
 hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not
 doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my
 God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you
 have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and
 yet have come to believe."
 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his
 disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are
 written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the
 Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may
 have life in his name.
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Apostles' Creed (the people stand)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

**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.**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;
We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;
For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;
And we shall never hope in vain.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Offering

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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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.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People (Form VI, page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for
those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and
oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek
the Truth.**

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 and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

Let us pray for **Lynda** Denton, **Thurman** Harris, **Charlotte** and **Lannon** Poole, **Dezsel** Oliver (Kathy Haynie), **Billie** Wilkinson (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Lindsey** Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Kathy** Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten), **Sherry** Gritz (Jean Kerr), **Clifford** Flood (Jean Kerr), **Adam** Durough (Kelli Kerr), **Sally** Kingsley (Hugh Thompson), **John** Graves (Betty Weldon), **Allison** Foggarty (Jimmy Weldon), **Ed** Clayton (Jean Kerr), **Kathy** DeArmond (Jean Kerr), **Phil** Gatusso (Jere Van Etten), **Charlene** Bates (Jean Kerr), **Mavilene** Prentice (Betty Weldon), **Virginia** Nordon (Betty Weldon), **David** Hodges (Amanda Borden), **Cameron** Hornsby (Pam Van Etten), and the others we now name: *(the people here add their own petitions)*.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Recessional Hymn:

Alleluia, He Is Coming.....SH-72

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Today's Sunday School session was the last before our summer hiatus begins.

We will convene Sunday School again on August 3, when Father Wells will begin teaching a Confirmation Class.

Our church web site now includes a calendar, which we will all work to keep current!

Go to EpiphanyTallasse.org and look on the left hand side after "Sunday School."

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

Ushers: Lee and Amanda Borden
Altar Guild: Lavonne Hart
Lay Reader: Amanda Borden

Crucifer: Tom Bray
Refreshments: Laura Williams
Stewards: Pam and Jere Van Etten

and next . . .

Ushers: Nancy Dupree and Barbara Trogon
Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten
Lay Reader: Maurice McCord

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Maurice McCord
Refreshments: Pam Van Etten
Stewards: Pam Van Etten and Sharon Cleary