

"He called the twelve  
and began to send them out  
two by two . . ."

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 8, 2018, 10:30 am

Mark 6:7a

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:

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim.....535*

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.....St James*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your  
commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant  
us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be  
devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one  
another with pure affection; 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 – 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and  
said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some  
time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led  
out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is  
you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you  
who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of  
Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David  
made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord,  
and they anointed David king over Israel. David was  
thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned  
forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven  
years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned  
over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of  
David. David built the city all around from the Millo  
inwards. And David became greater and greater, for  
the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 48*

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised;  
**in the city of our God is his holy hill.**  
Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of  
Zion,  
**the very center of the world and the city of the  
great King.**

God is in her citadels;  
**he is known to be her sure refuge.**  
Behold, the kings of the earth assembled  
**and marched forward together.**  
They looked and were astounded;  
**they retreated and fled in terror.**  
Trembling seized them there;  
**they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters  
them.**

As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God;  
**God has established her for ever.**

We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O  
God,  
**in the midst of your temple.**  
Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the  
world's end;  
**your right hand is full of justice.**

Let Mount Zion be glad  
and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
**because of your judgments.**  
Make the circuit of Zion;  
walk round about her;  
**count the number of her towers.**

Consider well her bulwarks;  
examine her strongholds;  
**that you may tell those who come after.**  
This God is our God for ever and ever;  
**he shall be our guide for evermore.**

*The Epistle - 2 Corinthians 12:2-10*

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was  
caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or  
out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know  
that such a person—whether in the body or out of the  
body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into  
Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that  
no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a  
one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast,  
except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will  
not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I  
refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me  
than what is seen in me or heard from me, even

considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – Mark 6:1-13 (the people stand)

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

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

**Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Womelsdorf

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 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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Kee, our bishop; for Wells, our priest; for Charles, our supply priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

We pray for **Sam Jones, Jean Kerr, Barbara Trogdon, Hugh Thompson, Jere Van Etten, Eddie Harper, Greg**

Dubay, **Amanda Borden, our Beans & Rice clients, the family of Barbara Dennis, still recovering from a house fire, 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.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: *My Holy Shepherd*.....SH 50

The Great Thanksgiving

*(Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p 361)*

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.

*(The priest 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.....St James*

*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: *Jesus, Lamb of God*.....*St. James*

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in  
remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him  
in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: *In Remembrance of Me*.....SH-63

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel.*

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:

*How Firm a Foundation*.....636

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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We are delighted to welcome Rev. Charles S. Womelsdorf as our supply priest today. Charles and Sarah are long-time friends of Epiphany. A 1965 (B.A.) graduate of Auburn University, Rev. Womelsdorf earned the Master of Divinity degree in 1968 from Nashotah House Theological Seminary, Wisconsin. He is a past president of the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Association.

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This Thursday, July 12, the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church commemorates Swedish bishop Nathan Söderblom, the first member of the clergy to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Söderblom believed that all Christian church communities were called to fight unhealthy nationalism, racism, militarism, and the oppression of minorities. His ecumenical work led eventually to the formation of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

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

Ushers: Kay and Mike Dickey  
Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten  
Lay Reader: Mike Rallo  
Piano: Esther Hart

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lee Borden  
Refreshments: Pam and Jerry Van Etten  
Grounds: Jimmy and Betty Weldon

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

Ushers: John and Kathy Haynie  
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones  
Lay Reader: Sharon Cleary  
Piano: Esther Hart

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Maurice McCord  
Refreshments: Betty Weldon  
Grounds: Mike Rallo and Mark Harris