

In him . . . you were marked with the seal  
of the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13

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

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning Prayer  
July 15, 2018, 10:30 am

Processional Hymn:

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*.....436

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will  
worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father  
seeks to worship him.

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 kneel in silence, and with  
penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may  
obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. Let  
us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 (*the people 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.**

*Jubilate Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
**serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
**he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*The Psalm - Psalm 24*

*The people remain standing*

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, \*  
**the world and all who dwell therein.**

For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
**and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " \*  
**and who can stand in his holy place?"**

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
**who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  
**and a just reward from the God of their salvation."**

Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
**of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
**and the King of glory shall come in.**

"Who is this King of glory?" \*

**"The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle."**

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
**and the King of glory shall come in.**

"Who is he, this King of glory?" \*

**"The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."**

**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 – 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19*

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle 17 – The Song of Simeon  
The people remain seated.*

**Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
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 Epistle – Ephesians 1:3-14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle 20 – Gloria.....S 280*

*The Gospel Lesson : Mark 6:14-29*

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once

the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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 Peace

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

Gathering Hymn: *Father, I Adore You*.....SH 36

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Offering

Offertory Hymn  
*Glorify Thy Name*.....SH 2

The Prayers

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.**

*Suffrage*

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.**

*Collect of the Day*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Collects*

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.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Dear Lord, in accordance with the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose, for ministries for displaced persons and refugees, and for the Global Episcopal Mission Network.

We pray for Sam Jones, Jean Kerr, Barbara Trogdon, Hugh Thompson, Jere Van Etten, Eddie Harper, Greg Dubay, our Beans & Rice clients, and the family of Barbara Dennis, still recovering from a house fire, and the others we now name . . .

We pray for the souls of those who have died, including these we now name . . .

We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Prayer for Mission*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and

hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn:  
*Praise To the Lord*.....390

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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Father Wells and Leigh are enjoying a cruise in Alaska during the month of July. Next week, July 22, Rev Charles Womelsdorf will return as our supply priest, and the following week, July 29, Rev Rob Morpeth will serve as our supply priest.

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The Episcopal Church, in concert with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, continues to call on all God's people to Pray, Fast, and Act in support of programs that provide necessary care for all people "for such a time as this." The focus this month is safety net medical and retirement programs. There's more information at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/such-time-call-prayer-fasting-and-advocacy>

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

Ushers: John and Kathy Haynie  
Lay Readers: Sharon Cleary  
Officiant: Maurice McCord

Piano: Esther Hart  
Refreshments: Betty Weldon  
Grounds: Mike Rallo and Mark Harris

***and next . . .***

Ushers: A.B. and Lulu Campbell  
Altar Guild: Lavonne Hart  
Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie  
Piano: Esther Hart

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Kay Dickey  
Refreshments: Leigh Warren  
Grounds: Maurice McCord and Lee Borden  
Beans & Rice Shoppers: Lavonne Hart and Lee Borden