

"In [Christ], you also are built together
spiritually into a dwelling place for God."

Ephesians 2:22

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 11
July 22, 2018, 10:30 am

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:

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me.....685

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our
necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking:
Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully
give us those things which for our unworthiness we
dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through
the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

The First Lesson – 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord
had given him rest from all his enemies around him,
the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am
living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a
tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have
in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to
Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the
Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I
have not lived in a house since the day I brought up
the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have
been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.
Wherever I have moved about among all the people of
Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal
leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my
people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a
house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to
my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took
you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be
prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you

wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies
from before you; and I will make for you a great name,
like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will
appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them,
so that they may live in their own place, and be
disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no
more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges
over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all
your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that
the Lord will make you a house. When your days are
fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise
up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from
your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall
build a house for my name, and I will establish the
throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him,
and he shall be a son to me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 89:20-37

I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'
I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.
I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven."
"If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;
If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;
I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;
But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.
I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *

'I will not lie to David.

His line shall endure for ever *

and his throne as the sun before me;

It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.' "

The Epistle – Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (the people stand)

Hymn: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*.....664

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

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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 Trogon, Hugh Thompson, Jere Van Etten, Eddie Harper, Greg Dubay, Amanda Borden, our Beans & Rice clients, Nancy Foster, 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.

Gathering Hymn: *Father, I Adore You*.....SH 36
(When the music begins, the people begin singing and find their seats)

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Offertory

The Presentation.....380:3

The Holy Communion

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.

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: *The Church's One Foundation.....525*

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

We are delighted to welcome back Rev. Charles S. Womelsdorf as our supply priest today. Thank you, Charles and Sarah!

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Kay Dickey
Refreshments: Brian Hudson
Grounds: Maurice McCord and Lee Borden

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Usher: Mike Rallo
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
Lay Reader: Mark Harris
Piano: Esther Hart

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Laura Williams
Refreshments: Lavonne Hart
Grounds: Jimmy and Betty Weldon