

O God, increase and multiply upon us
your mercy . . .

From Today's Collect

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 12
July 29, 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:

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.**

Gloria.....*St James*

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom
nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply
upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not
the things eternal; 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 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to
battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with
him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah.
But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his
couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's
house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the
woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire
about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba
daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David
sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he
lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her
period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman
conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite."
And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him,
David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the
war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to
your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the
king's house, and there followed him a present from the
king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house
with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his

house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to
his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from
a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah
said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in
booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are
camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to
eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and
as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David
said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will
send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day.
On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his
presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went
out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he
did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by
the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the
forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from
him, so that he may be struck down and die."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 14

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
**All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.**

The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *
**to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.**

Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
**who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the LORD?**

See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
**when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

The Epistle – Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family
in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that,
according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you
may be strengthened in your inner being with power
through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in
love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend,

with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – John 6:1-21 (the people stand)

Hymn: *Break Thou the Bread of Life*.....Songsheet

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

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Rob Morpeth

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 Rob, 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, Nancy Foster, the family of Barbara Dennis, still recovering from a house fire, our Beans & Rice clients, 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

Offertory Hymn: *In His Time*.....SH 3

The Presentation: *The Doxology*.....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:

If Thou But Trust in God To Guide Thee.....635

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

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Rob Morpeth as our supply priest today. Rob is the Staff Officer for Finance and Administration at the office of the Alabama Diocese and has been a trusted adviser and friend to Epiphany for many years. Epiphany's founders and leaders have been careful with their spending and have invested our funds with the Diocese. Thanks to Rob's shrewd and prudent management, Epiphany today is perilously close to having enough to be able to break ground on a new parish hall. Thank you for everything, Rob!

Tomorrow we in the Anglican Communion remember William Wilberforce (1759 – 1833). Wilberforce used his position as a Member of Parliament to work most of his life for the abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire. His first proposal when he was 32 was voted down by nearly two to one, but he persisted and proposed nine times during his lengthy tenure in Parliament that slavery be abolished. When he was 73, he finally prevailed. Three days later, he died and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

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

and next . . .

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Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten
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