

The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28

1 Samuel 2:4

November 18, 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: *We Gather Together*.....433

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.**

Glory to God.....S 280

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark,
learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and
ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which
you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 – 1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give
portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and
daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion,
because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her
womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate
her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on
year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the
Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept
and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her,
“Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is
your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and
presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was
sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the
Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord,
and wept bitterly. She made this vow: “O Lord of hosts, if
only you will look on the misery of your servant, and
remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to
your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as
a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither
wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her
mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved,

but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was
drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a
drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But
Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply
troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I
have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not
regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been
speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this
time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel
grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said,
“Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman
went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and
her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the
Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah.
Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered
her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She
named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the
Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said,
**“My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.**

“There is no Holy One like the LORD,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

**Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;**

for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

**The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.**

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

**The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.**

The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

**The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.**

He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.**

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.

**“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.**

The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

**The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”**

The Epistle – Hebrews 10:11-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” He also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – Mark 13:1-8 (the people stand)

Hymn: *O God of Every Nation*.....607
Verses 1-2

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

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one

leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Hymn: *O God of Every Nation*.....607
Verses 3-4

Sermon

Rev. Stephen McWhorter

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 Stephen, our supply priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray for **Brian** Hudson, **Jere** Van Etten, **Greg** Dubay, **Barbara** Trogdon, **Nichole** Peacock, **and the others we now name . . .** *(the people here add their own petitions)*.

We pray for those who asked for their names to be lifted up at Beans & Rice yesterday: *(the names are read aloud)*.

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: *God Is So Good*

*(When the music begins, the people begin singing
and find their seats)*

God is so good, God is so good,

God is so good, He's so good to me.

He took my sins . . .

Now I am free . . .

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn:

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the LordSH 71

The musicians will play the song through once. Then we will sing it twice.

The Presentation: *The Doxology*.....380:3

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

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*.....S 129

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*.....S 164

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: *One Bread, One Body*.....SH 94

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. Axmen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *O Day of Radiant Gladness*.....48

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

Today we are delighted to welcome Rev. Stephen McWhorter back to serve as our supply priest. Father Stephen will supply for us again December 9.

Leaders from the Episcopal Church met in Chicago in early October with their counterparts in the United Methodist Church to put the final touches on a proposal for full communion between the two churches. The proposal, entitled "A Gift to the World: Co-Laborers for the Healing of Brokenness," is available online at <https://bit.ly/2PxmaLQ>. Current calendars contemplate that the United Methodist General Conference will act on it in 2020 and the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2021. In the meantime, the committee finalizing the proposal is encouraging local congregations of the Episcopal and United Methodist churches to begin exploring together how they might build relationships and cast a vision for shared mission and ministry.

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

Ushers: A.B. and Lulu Campbell
Altar Guild: Dana Barlow
Lay Reader: Amanda Borden

Piano: Esther Hart
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lavonne Hart
Refreshments: Cathy Jones

and next . . .

Ushers: Laura Williams and Barbara Trogon
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
Lay Reader: Lavonne Hart

Piano: Esther Hart
Officiant: Kathy Haynie
Refreshments: Pam and Jere Van Etten