

Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth!

From our Recessional Hymn

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Christ the King
Last Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer
November 25, 2018, 10:30 am

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

Processional Hymn:

Crown Him with Many Crowns.....494

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

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.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Venite - Psalm 95.....S-35

The Psalm - Psalm 132:1-19

The people remain standing and recite the psalm together, alternating by whole verse as shown between the right and left sides of the nave.

**All LORD, remember David,
and all the hardships he endured;**

L How he swore an oath to the LORD
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

R "I will not come under the roof of my house,"
nor climb up into my bed;

L I will not allow my eyes to sleep,
nor let my eyelids slumber;

R Until I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

L "The ark! We heard it was in Ephrath;
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

R Let us go to God's dwelling place;
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

L Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place,
you and the ark of your strength.

R Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
let your faithful people sing with joy.

L For your servant David's sake,
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

R "A son, the fruit of your body
will I set upon your throne.

L If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their children will sit upon your throne for
evermore."

R For the LORD has chosen Zion;
he has desired her for his habitation:

L "This shall be my resting-place for ever;
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

R I will surely bless her provisions,
and satisfy her poor with bread.

L I will clothe her priests with salvation,
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

R There will I make the horn of David flourish;
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

**All As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame;
but as for him, his crown will shine."**

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 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,

the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:
The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,

his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13, A Song of Praise, BCP p 90

Refrain:

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Refrain:

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you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

The Epistle – Revelation:1-4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and
who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his
throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the
firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and
Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is
and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 17 – The Song of Simeon

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 Gospel Lesson: John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus,
and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus
answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell
you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your
own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to
me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom
is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world,
my followers would be fighting to keep me from being
handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not
from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus
answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born,
and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: (the people stand)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.....450

The Apostles' Creed (the people remain standing)

**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: *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 Offering

Offertory Hymn (the people remain seated)
Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place.....SH 4
Esther will play this through once, then we will sing it twice.

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

The Prayers (the people stand)

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Authorized Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Dear Lord, in accordance with the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the Clergy and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; Alabama Faith Council and its work; for all who seek to be faithful to the call of Jesus Christ in their lives; Christ Church, Fairfield; Christ Church, Tuscaloosa; and Christ Church, Albertville.

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

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: Shout to the North

Kathy and Lavonne will lead the procession, and then we will all recess and gather around the musicians. Feel free to sing with the ensemble as you learn the tune.

Ensemble:

1. Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious king.
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.

Chorus (All):

Shout to the north and the south.
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth!

Ensemble:

2. Rise up, women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome king of love?

Chorus (All)

Bridge (Ensemble):

We've been through fire,
We've been through rain,
We've been refined by the pow'r of his name,
We've fallen deeper in love with You,
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Chorus (All)

Ensemble:

3. Rise up, church with broken wings,
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high.
By His grace again we'll fly.

Chorus (All, sing three times)

Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth!

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

It's an annual tradition! Epiphany will host a community performance of selected choruses from Handel's *Messiah* on December 9. The musicians will gather at 1:00 pm to run through the music, and the concert will begin at 2:00 pm. This has become a cherished event for the musicians who join us each year and fill our gorgeous nave with beautiful music. This year, our focus is on increasing the attendance of those who gather to hear it. Please come and invite your friends and neighbors to come with you! For more information, contact Amanda Borden.

We always try to print the right number of copies of the bulletin, but every now and then we miss it. If you're a "regular" at Epiphany and bulletins are running low, make sure everyone who's new or visiting has a printed copy. The bulletin for the current Sunday should always be available on the church web site. Just use your smart phone and navigate to <http://epiphanytallassee.org/>. On the menu, select Worship>Worship Bulletins. The bulletin for this Sunday should be the first item on the list.

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

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

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

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Ushers: Pam and Eddie Harper
Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten
Lay Reader: Lee Borden

Officiant: Mike Harber
Piano: Esther Hart
Refreshments: Betty Weldon