

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Psalm 36:5

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist
January 20, 2019, 10:30 am

We worship today according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two,
beginning on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Processional Hymn: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*.....7

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of
the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and
Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that
he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the
earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the
Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (*we sit*)

The Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 36:5-10

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *

you save both man and beast, O Lord.

How priceless is your love, O God! *

**your people take refuge under the shadow of your
wings.**

They feast upon the abundance of your house; *

you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life, *

and in your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *

and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Epistle Lesson – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not
want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were
pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could
not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one
speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be
cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the
Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and
there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there
are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who
activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the
manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is
given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to
another the utterance of knowledge according to the same
Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of
healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles,
to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits,
to another various kinds of tongues, to another the
interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and
the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the
Spirit chooses.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Sequence – John 2:1-11 (*we stand*)

Hymn: *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*. 131:1-3

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

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Hymn: *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*. 131:4-5

Sermon The 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.

Prayers of the People (Form II, page 385 BCP)

In the course of the silence after each bidding we offer our own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Kee, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Here in our parish, we pray for **Brian Hudson, Jere Van Etten, Greg Dubay, Barbara Trogdon, Laura Foss, John Haynie, Mike Oniffrey, and Diane Ellison**, and the others whose names we call. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for these persons who asked yesterday at Beans & Rice that their names be lifted to you:

The lay reader reads the names.

Pray for those who are hungry.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, including those we name. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

During this silence, members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____ .

I ask your thanksgiving for _____ .

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin *(we stand or kneel)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 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: *This Little Light of Mine*.....SH 60:1

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *The Spirit Song*.....SH 45

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

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer C (page 369 BCP)

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.
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*.....S 129

We stand or kneel

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.
Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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. We keep a period of silence.

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.

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: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*.....423

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Mark your calendars for next Sunday evening, January 27, when we will all travel to Christ the Redeemer in Montgomery to support Brian Hudson as he is received and Dana Barlow as she is confirmed into The Episcopal Church. The address is 6801 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, and the service begins at 5:30 pm.

Just as we celebrated the Confession of St Peter on Friday, so this Friday we Episcopalians celebrate the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle. Most of us are familiar with the story of Saul's persecution of the Christians and his being struck blind on the road to Damascus. We're probably less familiar with the many attempts over the years to explain it away. From time to time, Paul's miraculous conversion has been attributed to temporal lobe epilepsy, a psychotic event, or a meteor strike. What we know is that, after his conversion, Paul went on to write at least seven of the books in the New Testament and to have seven others attributed to him with varying degrees of confidence among scholars. His letters predated the first Gospel by at least ten years and profoundly shaped the theology of the Christian church.

Serving at Epiphany this week: Ushers: Laura Williams and Barbara Trogon Altar Guild: Cathy Jones Lay Reader: Lulu Campbell Lay Eucharistic Minister: Maurice McCord Refreshments: Kay Dickey	And next: Ushers: Lavonne Hart and Jimmy Weldon Altar Guild: Elizabeth Harber Officiant: Mike Harber Lay Reader: Mike Rallo Refreshments: John and Kathy
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