

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Second Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist
March 17, 2019, 10:30 am

Psalm 27:1a

We worship today according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite One, beginning on
page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**.

Processional Hymn: *The God of Abraham Praise*.....401

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
His mercy endureth for ever.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that
we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy
Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to
all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again
with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold
fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son;
who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (*we sit*)

The Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be
afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very
great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me,
for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of
Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no
offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."
But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be
your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."
He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and
count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to
him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed
the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from
Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he
said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"
He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female
goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a
young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two,

laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the
birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the
carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram,
and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire
pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On
that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To
your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to
the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
**the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.**

Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

**And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of
my life;**

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *

**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the Lord will sustain me.

Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
**for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.**

What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the Lord.

The Epistle Lesson – Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord
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The Gospel – Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside

of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Katie Nakamura Rengers

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin
Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of
Life,**

**who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic
Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, have mercy.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding bishop, Kee, our bishop, and Katie, our supply priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, have mercy.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, have mercy.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord, have mercy.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Brian Hudson, Jere Van Etten, Greg Dubay, Barbara Trogdon, Laura Foss, John Haynie, Andy Stricker, Mike Oniffrey, Rachel Meeks, Micah Hart, Dennis Harper, David Hodges**, and the others whose names we call now *(we call the names aloud)*. We beseech you to comfort these people, who asked yesterday during Beans & Rice that their names be lifted up today: *(The lay reader reads the names aloud.)* We pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, have mercy.

And we also bless thy holy Name for Charles Weldon, the victims of the shooting this week in New Zealand, and all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, have mercy.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin *(we stand or kneel)*

The celebrant says:

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling or standing.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We all stand.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Offertory

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O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising590

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The Holy Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

The celebrant says a Proper Preface

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according

to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: *O Lamb of God*.....S 157

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But

thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to us.

Let us pray (*we stand or kneel*):

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the

blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn:
Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus (we stand).....495

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Join us next Sunday, March 24, at 9:30 am in the Little House. Mike Harber will begin a three-lesson series on the book *People of the Way* by Dwight J Zscheile. Mike regards Zscheile’s work as life-changing and believes that if we let it, it can be Epiphany-changing too.

Also next Sunday, at the 10:30 worship hour, Mike will officiate at a unique and (we think) first-for-Epiphany “Instructed Morning Prayer.” Mike will pause while conducting the morning prayer liturgy to describe the purpose and function of its various elements.

The United Methodist Church recently voted to reinforce its opposition to same-sex marriage and the ordination of LGBTQ clergy. In the wake of the decision, leaders of the United Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church say they are in a kind of “prayerful pause” as both denominations discern the vote’s impact and the Methodist church awaits a denominational ruling on the constitutionality of some parts of the decision.

Serving at Epiphany this week: Ushers: Kay and Mike Dickey Altar Guild: Cathy Jones Lay Reader: Amanda Borden Lay Eucharistic Minister: Laura Williams Refreshments: Kay Dickey	And next: Ushers: John and Kathy Haynie Altar Guild: Lee Borden Lay Reader: Lee Borden Officiant: Mike Harber Refreshments: John and Kathy Haynie
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