

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist  
March 31, 2019, 10:30 am

2 Corinthians 5:17a

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**.

## The Word of God

Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*.....690

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.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with  
all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great  
commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love  
thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all  
the Law and the Prophets.

*Kyrie elaison*.....S 87

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down  
from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world:  
Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in  
him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Lessons (*we sit*)

The Old Testament Lesson – Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you  
the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this  
day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the  
passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in  
the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that  
very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes  
and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the  
produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna;  
they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Psalm 32

*We will chant this psalm. Please refer to the back cover of the bulletin.*

The Epistle Lesson – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of  
view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point  
of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in  
Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed  
away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God,  
who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given  
us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was  
reconciling the world to himself, not counting their  
trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of  
reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since  
God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on  
behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made  
him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might  
become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Hymn: *Just As I Am (we stand)*.....693

The Gospel – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen  
to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling  
and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with  
them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them  
said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property  
that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between  
them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had  
and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered  
his property in dissolute living. When he had spent

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

Sermon The Rev. Arnold A. Bush

## 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 Arnold, 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 and Russell 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 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 **Paige Lay** 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**

Hymn: *Softly and Tenderly*

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me.  
See on the portals He's waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.**

**Chorus:**

**Come home, come home.  
Ye who are weary come home.  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!**

**Oh, for the wonderful life he has promised,  
Promised for you and for me.  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me.  
(Chorus)**

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

**The Holy Communion**

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,

Sanctus.....S 113

*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.*

Communion Hymn: *In Remembrance of Me*.....SH 63

*After Communion, the celebrant says:*

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.

Hymn: *Amazing Grace (we stand)*.....671

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

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Join us next Sunday, April 7, at 9:30 am in the Little House. Kay Dickey will continue her lessons entitled “Discussion of the Saints” with a lesson on Pope John XXIII.

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Also next Sunday, at the 10:30 worship hour, The Rev. Eleanor (Drake) Whitelaw will celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

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**Serving at Epiphany this week:**

Ushers: Mike Rallo and Maurice McCord  
Altar Guild: Dana Barlow  
Lay Reader: Laura Williams  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dana Barlow  
Refreshments: Pam and Jere Van Etten

**And next:**

Ushers: Mike Rallo and Dana Barlow  
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon  
Lay Reader: Lavonne Hart  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mike Rallo  
Refreshments: Pam Harper

Here is our chant tune for the remainder of the season of Lent. Esther will play it through, and then we will chant without accompaniment.



Here is the pointed text of today's psalm, Psalm 32:

1 Happy are they whose trans- | gressions • are for- | given, \*  
and whose | sin is | put a- | way!

2 Happy are they to whom the | Lord im- • putes no | guilt, \*  
and in whose | spirit • there | is no | guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones | withered • a- | way, \*  
because of my | groaning | all day | long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me | day and | night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as | in the | heat of | summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my | sin to | you, \*  
and did | not con- | ceal my | guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my trans- | gressions • to the | Lord." \*  
Then you for- | gave • me the | guilt of • my | sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of | trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not | **reach** | them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you pre- | serve me • from | trouble; \*  
you sur- | round • me with | shouts • of de- | liverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the | way that • you should | go; \*  
I will | guide you | with my | eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which | have no • under- | standing; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they | will not | stay near | you."

11 Great are the tribu- | lations • of the | wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces | those who | trust • in the | Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and re- | joice • in the | Lord; \*  
shout for joy, | all • who are | true of | heart.