

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist  
April 7, 2019, 10:30 am

Philippians 3:14

We worship today according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, beginning on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**.

## The Word of God

Hymn: *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*.....610

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**His mercy endures for ever.**

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.

*Kyrie elaison*.....S 87

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 – Isaiah 43:6-21

A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalms 126

*We will chant this psalm. Please refer to page 5 of the bulletin.*

The Epistle Lesson – Philippians 3:4b-14

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Hymn: *Jesus, All My Gladness (we stand)*.....701

The Gospel – John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon                      The Rev. Eleanor (Drake) Whitelaw

The Nicene Creed (*we stand*)

**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)  
*(We stand or kneel.)*

*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 Drake, our supply priest, 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. We pray also for **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, Dwight and Barbara Garnett**, and the others whose names we call. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*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 **Roy Billingsley** and all 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.**

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Offertory

Hymn: *In His Time*.....SH 3

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

**The Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving

*(Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p 367)*

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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of

Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 the people*

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the Celebrant says*

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.

Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (we stand)  
*Please refer to page 6 of the bulletin.*

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

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Next Sunday at 9:30 am in the Little House, Mike Harber will conclude his three-lesson series on *People of the Way* by Dwight J Zscheile.

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**Serving at Epiphany this week:**

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

**And next:**

Ushers: Pam and Eddie Harper  
Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten  
Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie  
Officiants: Lee and Amanda Borden  
Refreshments: Lavonne Hart

Esther will play the chant tune, and then we will chant without accompaniment.



Here is the pointed text of today's psalm, Psalm 126:

1 When the LORD restored the | fortunes • of | Zion, \*  
then were | we like | those who | dream.

2 Then was our mouth | filled with | laughter, \*  
and our | tongue with | shouts of | joy.

3 Then they | said a • mong the | nations, \*  
"The LORD has | done great | things for | them."

4 The LORD has | done great • things for | us, \*  
and | we are | glad in- | deed.

5 Restore our | fortunes, • O | Lord, \*  
like the water- | courses | of the | Negev.

6 Those who | sowed with | tears \*  
will | reap with | songs of joy.

\*7 Those who go out weeping, | carrying • the | seed, \*  
will come again with joy, | shoulder- • ing | **their** | sheaves.

\* Because this is an odd-numbered verse, we will sing it to the second half of the chant tune.

# 298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I sur - vey the won-drous cross on which the  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 (Gal. 6:14)  
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824

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