

They were singing with full voice, "Worthy is the lamb!"

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Third Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer
May 5, 2019, 10:30 am

Revelation 5:12a

We worship today according to the appointed order for Morning Prayer, Rite Two, beginning on page 75 of the Book of Common Prayer. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**.

Hymn: *Ye Servants of God*.....535

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

We 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 (*we 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.

Jubilate – Psalm 100 (songsheet)

Psalm 30 (*we continue standing*)

1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favor for a lifetime.

**6 Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**8 Then you hid your face,
and I was filled with fear.**

9 I cried to you, O Lord;
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
O Lord, be my helper."

**12 You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

**13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

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 Lessons (we sit)

The First Lesson – Acts 9:1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 12 – The Song of Moses (*page 5 of bulletin*)

The Gospel Lesson – John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He

said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11 – The Third Song of Isaiah

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

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 Apostles' Creed (*we kneel or stand*)

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.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation (*we sit*)

The Offering

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of
our life and labor to the Lord.

Hymn: *I Have Decided To Follow Jesus*.....SH 9

Doxology (*we stand*)
(*We will use the tune of Hymn 400 – All Creatures Of Our God
and King*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayers (*we stand or kneel*)

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

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.
Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his
disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our
faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know
you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom:
Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our
enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not
fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Grace

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.

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs (we stand).....*374

Intercessions and Thanksgivings *(we stand or kneel)*

We pray for the souls of all those who have departed this life, including those we now name silently or aloud.

Silence

In our parish we pray for those who are sick or recovering from illness, including **Brian** Hudson, **Jere** Van Etten, **Greg** Dubay, **Barbara** Trogdon, **Laura** and **Russell** Foss, **John** Haynie, **Andy** Stricker, **Mike** Oniffrey, **Micah** Hart, **Dennis** Harper, **David** Hodges, **Dwight** and **Barbara** Garnett, **Charlie** Hayes, **Hays** McKay, and the others whose names we call.

Silence

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose, for Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence, for Renacence Halfway House, Montgomery, and for St. Phillip’s, Fort Payne.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Earth and All Stars (we stand).....*412

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

Join us next Sunday, May 12, at 9:30 am in the Little House. Lee and Amanda Borden will continue their four-lesson series on the book *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis with a discussion of Book Three.

Also next Sunday, The Rev. Stephen McWhorter will celebrate the Holy Eucharist. It will be great to have Stephen back with us!

Serving at Epiphany this week:

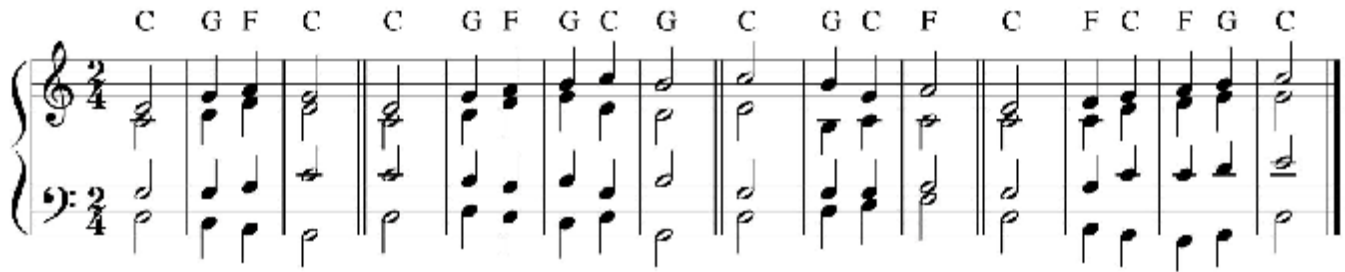
Ushers: Andy and Betty Stricker
Altar Guild: Dana Barlow
Lay Reader: Dana Barlow
Officiant: Laura Williams
Refreshments: Dana Barlow

And next:

Ushers: Mike Rallo and Dana Barlow
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lavonne Hart
Refreshments: Lee and Amanda Borden

Canticle 12 A Song of Creation

Esther will play the chant tune, and then we will chant a capella.



I will sing to the Lord, for he is | lofty • and up- | lifted; *
the horse and its rider has he | hurled in | to the | sea.
The Lord is my | strength • and my | refuge; *
the | Lord • has be- | come my | Savior.

This is my God and | I will | praise him, *
the God of my | people • and | I • will ex- | alt him.
The Lord | is a • mighty | warrior; *
| Yahweh | is his | Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he | hurled in • to the | sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor | have been | drowned • in the | Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has | over | whelmed them; *
they | sank in • to the | depths • like a | stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is | glori • ous in | might; *
your right hand, O | Lord, has | over • thrown the | enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O | Lord, a • mong the | gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in re | nown, and | worker • of | wonders?

You | stretched forth • your right | hand; *
the | earth • swallowed | **them** | up.
With your constant love you led the | people • you re- | deemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety | to your | holy | dwelling.

You will | bring them • in and | plant them *
on the | mount of | your pos- | session,
The resting-place you have | made for your • self, O | Lord, *
the sanctuary, O | Lord, • that your | hand • has es- | tablished.

The | Lord shall | reign *
for | ever | and for | ever.
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. • A- | men.