

And the one who was seated on the throne
said, "See, I am making all things new."

Revelation 1:5a

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer
May 19, 2019, 10:30 am

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: *In Christ There Is No East or West*.....529

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Venite – Psalm 95.....S 35

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 148 (*we continue standing*)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

**6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

**12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.**

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

**14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

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 Lessons (we sit)

The First Lesson – Acts 9:1-6

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever

entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9 – *The First Song of Isaiah*.....SH 18

The Epistle – Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them as their God;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13 – A Song of Praise (*page 4 of the bulletin*)

The Gospel Lesson – John 13:13-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Homily

Dana Barlow

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Hymn: *O Holy City, Seen of John* (*we sit*).....583

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

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;
We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;
For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;
And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life:
Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be
the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly
follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of
the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this

day such blessing through our worship of you, that the
week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **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 Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the
earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those
who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that
people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring
the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all
flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: *O Praise Ye the Lord (we stand)*.....432

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 the Chancellors, Treasurers and Secretary of
the Diocese of Alabama. For Holy Comforter, Gadsden
and for Holy Comforter, Montgomery.

The General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy
servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness
and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have
made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the
blessings of this life; but above all for your
immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by
our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for
the hope of glory.**

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Hymn: *How Great Thou Art (we stand)*.....SH 37

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The vestry will meet today in the Little House after worship.

Join us next Sunday, May 26, at 9:30 am in the Little House. Lee and Amanda Borden will conclude their four-lesson series on the book *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis. The focus will be on Book Four.

Serving at Epiphany this week:

Ushers: Pam and Eddie Harper
Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten
Lay Reader: Betty Weldon
Officiant: Dana Barlow
Refreshments: Laura Williams
Grounds: Jimmy Weldon and Mark Harris

And next:

Ushers: Laura Williams and Barbara Trogon
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones
Lay Reader: Lee Borden
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mike Rallo
Refreshments: Kay Dickey
Grounds: John Haynie and Mike Rallo

Canticle 13 – A Song of Praise

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



Glory to you, Lord | God of • our | fathers; *
you are worthy of | **praise**; | glory • to | you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your | holy | Name; *
we will praise you and | highly • ex- | alt • you for | ever.

Glory to you in the | splendor • of your | temple; *
on the throne of your | maje • sty, | glory • to | you.
Glory to you, | seated be- • tween the | Cherubim; *
we will praise you and | highly • ex- | alt • you for | ever.

Glory to you, be- | holding • the | depths; *
in the high vault of | heaven, | glory • to | you.
Glory to you, Father, | Son, and • Holy | Spirit; *
we will praise you and | highly • ex- | alt • you for | ever.