

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Tallasse, Alabama

Morning Prayer: Rite II  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 23, 2019



*The Officiant begins the service from the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 78 with this sentence of scripture:*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm*  
43:3

## Processional

*As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams* .....Hymn 658

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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.**

*The Officiant remains kneeling and says*

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

*All stand*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.  
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Officiant and People continue standing and sing together the Venite*

*Venite* Psalm 95:1-7 .....Hymn S-35

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*The congregation may be seated. We will read the psalm responsively by half verse.*

**Psalm 22:18-27** *Deus, Deus meus*

- 18 Be not far away, O Lord; \*  
**you are my strength; hasten to help me.**
- 19 Save me from the sword, \*  
**my life from the power of the dog.**
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
**my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
**in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;**

**all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither does he hide his face from them; \*

**but when they cry to him he hears them.**

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*

**"May your heart live for ever!"**

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*

**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*

**he rules over the nations.**

**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

The Old Testament Lesson - A reading from **Isaiah 65:1-9**

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"

to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and offering incense on bricks;

who sit inside tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all day long.

See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,

says the Lord;

because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps

full payment for their actions.

Thus says the Lord:

As the wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, "Do not destroy it,

for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,

and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,

and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;

my chosen shall inherit it,

and my servants shall settle there.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and sing Canticle 9*

Canticle 9 - The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus..... SH-18*

*The congregation may be seated.*

The Epistle Lesson - A reading from **Galatians 3:23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and sing Hymn 490*

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ..... Hymn 490*

*The congregation may be seated.*

The Gospel Lesson - A reading from the Gospel of **Luke 8:26-39**

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on

land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Reader       The Word of the Lord.  
People       **Thanks be to God.**

**The Homily** .....Mike Harber

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**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 Officiant says the following, after which the People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

Officiant    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People       **And also with you.**

**Joys and Concerns of the  
Congregation**

*Officiant*    Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Hymn** (*the people remain seated*)  
*Seek Ye First* .....Hymn 711

**Presentation Hymn** (*the people stand*)  
*Old 100th* .....Hymn 380:3

**The Prayers**

*The People stand or kneel*  
Officiant    The Lord be with you.  
People       **And also with you.**  
Officiant    Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Suffrages B

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### 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 this Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through 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.**

### Intercessions and Prayers

In our parish we pray for those who are sick or recovering from illness, including **Brian** Hudson, **Jere** Van Etten, **Greg** Dubay, **Barbara** Trogon, **Laura** and **Russell** Foss, **John** Haynie, **Mike** Oniffrey, **Rachel** Meeks, **Micah** Hart,

**Dennis** Harper, **David** Hodges, **Barbara** Garnett, **Charlie** Hayes, **Hayes** McKay and others we now name.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose; St. Alban's Birmingham; St. Alban's Gainesville; St. Paul's Greensboro; St. Paul's Lowndesboro; St. Paul's Minter; and St. Paul's, Selma.

We pray for our diocesan search for a bishop, saying together: **God of wisdom and peace, you have gathered your faithful people, men and women of every nation, age, and color, in this diocese to humbly serve you: Look graciously on your Church and so guide the holy imagination of those who shall choose a bishop for this diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries by igniting in us creative compassion and inspiring us to a relentless proclamation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The General Thanksgiving

#### *Officiant and People*

**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.**

#### *The Officiant standing alone then says*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

## Recessional

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* .....Hymn 390

Officiant    Let us bless the Lord.  
People       **Thanks be to God.**