

For indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:29b

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning Prayer  
August 25, 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 and occasionally from *Enriching Our Worship*. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**. The initials “SH” refer to page numbers in the small Supplemental Hymnal in the pew racks.

Hymn: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* .....493

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

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.**

**The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.**

*Jubilate – Psalm 100*.....Songsheet

Psalm 103:1-8 (*we continue standing*)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.**

He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

**He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Lessons

(*We sit for each lesson and stand for each canticle or hymn.*)

The First Lesson – Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

### Canticle 13 – A Song of Praise

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 exalt you for ever.**  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**  
Glory to you, beholding 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 exalt you for ever.**

### Epistle Lesson - Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

### Canticle D – A Song of the Wilderness

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,\*  
**the desert shall rejoice and blossom;**  
It shall blossom abundantly,\*  
**and rejoice with joy and singing.**  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,\*  
**the majesty of our God.**  
Strengthen the weary hands,\*  
**and make firm the feeble knees.**  
Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear!"  
**Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."**  
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,\*  
**and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.**  
Then shall the lame leap like a deer,\*  
**and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness\*  
**and streams in the desert;**  
The burning sand shall become a pool\*  
**and the thirsty ground, springs of water.**  
The ransomed of God shall return with singing,\*  
**with everlasting joy upon their heads.**  
Joy and gladness shall be theirs,\*  
**and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

### The Gospel Lesson – Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Hymn – *Rock of Ages*.....685

## The Apostles' Creed (*we 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

I beseech you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to  
present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to  
God, which is your spiritual worship.

Hymn - *Morning Has Broken* (*we remain seated*).....8

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## 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

Help us, O God our Savior;

**Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

Look upon your congregation;

**Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Declare your glory among the nations;

**And your wonders among all peoples.**

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

## The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered  
together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your  
power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (*we stand*).....Page 5

## 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, **Mike** Oniffrey, **Micah** Hart, **Dennis** Harper, **Barbara** Garnett, **Charlie** Hayes, **Hays** McKay, **Larry** and **Pat** Sharpton, and the others we now name.

### *Silence*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose. For seminarians in the first year of study, boards, faculty, staff, and students of all Episcopal seminaries, including our own Mike Harber, beginning his studies at the School of Theology at Sewanee.

## 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: *Victory in Jesus (we stand)*

**1. I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory  
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me.  
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning.  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.**

### **Chorus:**

**Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever.  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood.  
He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him.  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.**

**2. I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing,  
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see.  
And then I cried, "dear Jesus,  
Come and heal my broken spirit"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.  
(Chorus)**

**3. I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,  
And I heard about those streets of gold beyond the crystal sea,  
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.  
(Chorus)**

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

## **Serving at Epiphany this week:**

Ushers: Pam and Eddie Harper  
Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten  
Lay Reader: Amanda Borden  
Officiant: Lavonne Hart  
Refreshments: Pam Harper  
Grounds: Maurice McCord and Lee Borden

## **And next:**

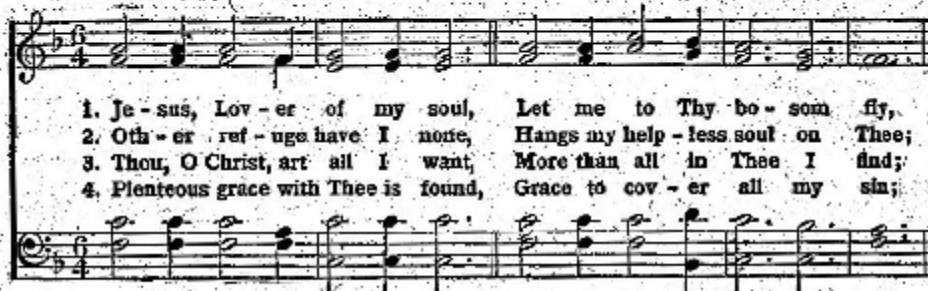
Ushers: Laura Williams and Barbara Trogdon  
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones  
Lay Reader: To be determined  
Officiant: Kay Dickey  
Refreshments: Cathy Jones  
Grounds: Jimmy and Betty Weldon

## Jesus, Lover of my Soul

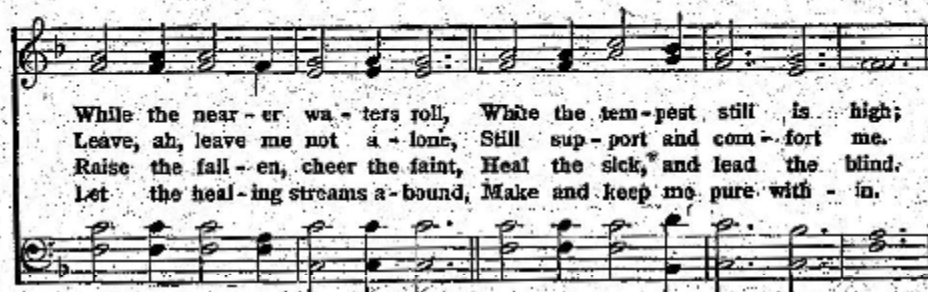
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SIMON B. MARSH, 1834



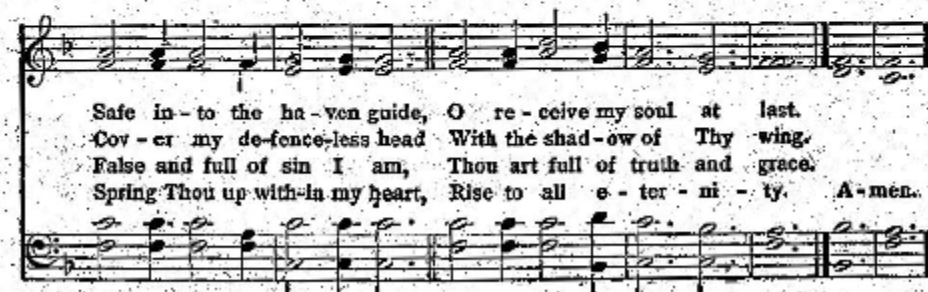
1. Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, Let me to Thy bo - som fly,  
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, Hangs my help - less soul on Thee;  
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, More than all in Thee I find;  
 4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cov - er all my sin;



While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem - pest still is high;  
 Leave, ah, leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me.  
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound, Make and keep me pure with - in.



Hide me, O my Sav - our, hide, Till the storm of life be past;  
 All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;  
 Just and ho - ly is Thy name, I am all un - right - eous - ness;  
 Thou of life the foun - tain art, Free - ly let me take of Thee;



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.  
 Cov - er my de - fence - less head With the shad - ow of Thy wing.  
 False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.  
 Spring Thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.