

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow
me cannot be my disciple.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
September 8, 2019, 10:30 am

Luke 14:27

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 initials "SH" refer to page numbers in the small Supplemental Hymnal in the pew racks.

The Word of God

Hymn: *God Is Love (we stand)*.....379

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Glory to God.....S 280

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as
you always resist the proud who confide in their own
strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast
of your mercy; 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 First Lesson – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord
commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and
prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the
commandments of the Lord your God that I am
commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God,
walking in his ways, and observing his commandments,
decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become
numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the
land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart
turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow
down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today
that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that
you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call
heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have
set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose
life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the
Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for

that means life to you and length of days, so that you may
live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your
ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the
wicked,

**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle Lesson – Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia
our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the
church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my
God because I hear of your love for all the saints and
your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing
of your faith may become effective when you perceive all
the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed
received much joy and encouragement from your love,
because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed
through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to
command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal
to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old

man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn: *Once to Every Man and Nation (we stand)*....Page 5

The Gospel – Luke 14:25-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Stephen McWhorter

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 III, page 387 BCP)
(*We stand or kneel.*)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on the victims of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas and all along the Eastern seaboard and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to all the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Here in our parish, we pray for **Mike** Oniffrey, **Micah** Hart, **Dennis** Harper, **Charlie** Hayes, **Larry** and **Pat** Sharpton, and the others we now name.

The People may add their own petitions.

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: *Where He Leads Me*Page 6

Hymn of Presentation *(we stand)*380:3

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 125

We stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. We keep a period of silence.

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

Fraction Anthem: *Christ Our Passover*.....S 155

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.

After Communion, we stand or kneel

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.

The Blessing

Hymn: *I Surrender All* (we stand)

**1. All to Jesus, I surrender, All to Him I freely give.
I will ever love and trust Him, In his presence daily live.**

**Chorus:
I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed savior, I surrender all.**

**2. All to Jesus, I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow.
Worldly pleasures, all forsaken, take me Jesus, take me now.
(Chorus)**

**3. All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine.
(Chorus)**

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Serving at Epiphany this week:

Ushers: Lavonne Hart and Jimmy Weldon
Altar Guild: Elizabeth Harber
Lay Reader: Laura Williams
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lavonne Hart
Refreshments: Pam/Jere Van Etten
Grounds: John Haynie and Mike Rallo

And next:

Ushers: Kay and Mike Dickey
Altar Guild: Lavonne Hart
Lay Reader: Lavonne Hart
Officiants: Lee and Amanda Borden
Refreshments: Betty Weldon
Grounds: Maurice McCord and Lee Borden

Once to Every Man and Nation

James Russell Lowell, 1845

Thomas John Williams, 1890

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1. Once to ev - ery man and na - tion, Comes the mo - ment to de - cide,
2. Then to side with truth is no - ble, When we share her wretch - ed crust,
3. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs, Christ, Thy bleed - ing feet we track,
4. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per, Yet the truth a - lone is strong;



In the strife of truth with false - hood, For the good or e - vil side;
Ere her cause bring fame and pro - fit, And 'tis pros - perous to be just;
Toil - ing up new Cal - v'ries ev - er With the cross that turns not back;
Though her por - tion be the scaf - fold, And up - on the throne be wrong;



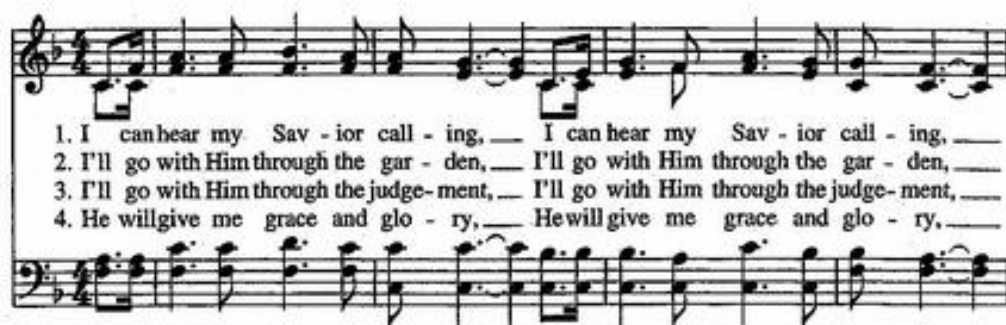
Some great cause, some great de - ci - sion, Off - ering each the bloom or blight,
Then it is the brave man choos - es, While the cow - ard stands a - side,
New oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties, Time makes an - cient good un - couth,
Yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture, And be - hind the dim un - known,



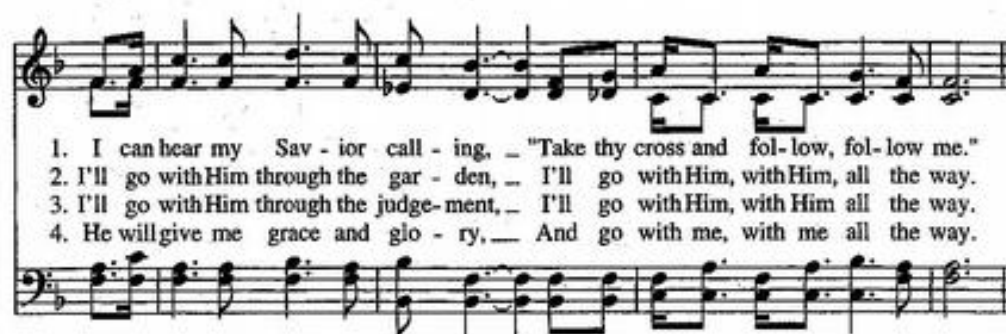
And the choice goes by for - ev - er, 'Twixt that dark - ness and that light.
Till the mul - ti - tude make vir - tue Of the faith they had de - nied.
They must up - ward still and on - ward, Who would keep a - breast of truth.
Stand - eth God with - in the sha - dow, Keep - ing watch a - bove His own.



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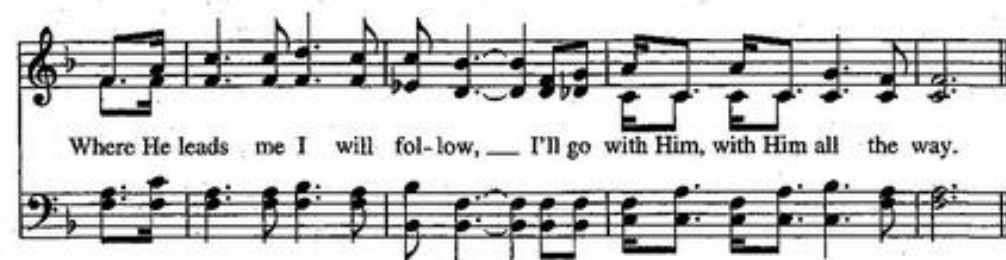
1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, —
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him through the gar - den, —
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, —
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — He will give me grace and glo - ry, —



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — And go with me, with me all the way.



Where He leads me I will fol - low, — Where He leads me I will fol - low, —



Where He leads me I will fol - low, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

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