

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning Prayer  
September 29 2019, 10:30 am

1 Timothy 6:10a

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: *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath*.....429

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

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.

Venite – Psalm 95.....S 35

Psalm 146 (*we continue standing*)

Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**  
**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**  
Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,  
**for there is no help in them.**

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

**who keeps his promise for ever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
**and food to those who hunger.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
**the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger;  
**he sustains the orphan and widow,**  
**but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The Lord shall reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

The Lessons

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

The First Lesson – Amos 6:1a,4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 8 – The Song of Moses

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
**the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.**

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
**the Lord has become my Savior.**

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
**the God of my people and I will exalt him.**

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
**Yahweh is his Name.**

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
**the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.**

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
**they sank into the depths like a stone.**

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
**your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.**

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
**who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
**the earth swallowed them up.**

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
**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 possession,**

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
**the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**

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. Amen.**

### Epistle Lesson – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their

eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 Gospel Lesson – Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Hymn – *Fight the Good Fight*.....552

### 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

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

Hymn – *Father All Loving (we remain seated)*.....568

Presentation – Doxology (*we stand*).....380:3

### 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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing  
mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we,  
running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of  
your heavenly treasure; 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 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 the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; 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.**

Hymn: *Give Peace and Glory Unto God (we stand)*.....375

Intercessions and Thanksgivings *(we stand or kneel)*

We pray for the souls of Karen Webb and 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 **Mike** Oniffrey, **Micah** Hart, **Dennis** Harper, **Charlie** Hayes, **Larry** and **Pat** Sharpton, **Troy** Warlick, **Arnold** Bush, **Dezsel** Oliver, **Tom** Haynie, 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 St. Michael and All Angels, Anniston; St. Michael and All Angels, Millbrook; St. Michael's, Faunsdale; and St. Michael's, Fayette.

A 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: *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder (we stand)*.....SH 85

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

September 29 is normally the celebration of Michaelmas, or the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. Because today is a Sunday, the Sunday takes precedence, so the Feast of St Michael and All Angels is transferred to tomorrow. Because St Michael is the patron saint of police officers, Michaelmas is sometimes called Blue Mass. Falling as it does near the autumnal equinox, Michaelmas is often associated with the beginning of fall in the northern hemisphere and spring in the southern.

<b>Serving at Epiphany this week:</b> Ushers: Eddie and Pam Harper Altar Guild: Lee Borden Lay Reader: Lee Borden Officiant: Betty Weldon Refreshments: Brian Hudson Grounds: John Haynie/Mike Rallo	<b>And next:</b> Ushers: Lavonne Hart/Jimmy Weldon Altar Guild: Betty Weldon Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie Lay Eucharistic Minister: Maurice McCord Refreshments: Kay Dickey Grounds: Maurice McCord/Lee Borden
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