

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
October 6, 2019, 10:30 am

Habakkuk 1:2a

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: *Be Thou My Vision (we stand)*.....488

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready
to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either
desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your
mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are
not worthy to ask, except through the merits and
mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lessons (*we sit*)

The First Lesson – Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 37:1-10

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
**Take delight in the Lord,
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.
**He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him.
**Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
**For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the
land.**

The Epistle Lesson – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God -- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did -- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn:

Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service (we stand).....610

The Gospel – Luke 17:5-10

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

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come

here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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 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, **Troy** Warlick, **Arnold** Bush, **Dezsel** Oliver,
Tom Haynie, 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: *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*.....660

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: *Amazing Grace (we stand)*.....671

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/Jimmy Weldon
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
Lay Reader: Betty Weldon
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Maurice McCord
Refreshments: Kay Dickey
Grounds: Maurice McCord/Lee Borden

And next:

Ushers: Eddie and Pam Harper
Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten
Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Kay Dickey
Refreshments: Lee/Amanda Borden
Grounds: Jimmy and Betty Weldon