

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer
October 27, 2019, 10:30 am

Psalms 84:1a

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 Sing the Almighty Power of God*.....398

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, “I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Jubilate – Psalm 100.....Songsheet

Psalms 84:1-6 (*we continue standing*)

1 **H**ow dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a
place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Lessons

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

The First Lesson – Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;

for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.

He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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 – 2 Timothy 4:6-8,6-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah.....SH 18

The Gospel Lesson – Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn – *How Firm a Foundation*.....636

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

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,

Hymn – *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*.....517

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 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: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*.....686

Intercessions and Thanksgivings (*we stand or kneel*)

We pray for the soul of Doug Martin and 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 **Mike Oniffrey, Micah Hart, Dennis Harper, Charlie Hayes, Larry and Pat Sharpton, Troy Warlick, Arnold Bush, Dezzel Oliver, Tom Haynie, Ruth Harper**, and the others we now name.

Silence

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose. For the clergy and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; Commission on Spirituality; and Daughters of the King.

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: *O God Our Help in Ages Past (we stand)*.....680

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

Tomorrow we mark the Feasts of St Simon and St Jude. Biblically, we know little about either of these men. We credit Jude as the author of the epistle bearing his name. St Simon (often called “the Zealot” is to be distinguished from the Simon Jesus renamed Peter. Traditionally, both Simon and Jude preached in Mesopotamia, although not necessarily together. They were both brutally martyred. St Jude was the child of Joseph’s brother, making him Jesus’s legal cousin.

Simon is the patron saint of curriers, sawmen, and tanners. Jude is the patron saint of lost causes, hospitals, and hospital workers.

Next Sunday, November 3, we will observe All Saints Sunday. During this service, we will read aloud the names of those departed but still with us in mind and spirit. Our list will not be limited to those departed within the last 12 months (hey, that’s one of the nice things about being a small church!). Make sure you email to Lee Borden (lee@divorceinfo.com) the names of those whose names you wish to be called, and send them before Wednesday, October 30 so we will have time to get them into the printed bulletin for this special time of worship and remembering.

Serving at Epiphany this week: Ushers: Jimmy and Betty Weldon Altar Guild: Elizabeth Harber Lay Reader: Suzy Wilson Officiant: Maurice McCord Refreshments: Elizabeth Harber	And next: Ushers: John and Kathy Haynie Altar Guild: Lavonne Hart Lay Readers/Officiants: Lee and Amanda Borden Refreshments: John and Kathy Haynie
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