

I know that my redeemer lives.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
November 10, 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: *Ye Holy Angels Bright (we stand)*.....625

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he
might destroy the works of the devil and make us children
of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this
hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he
comes again with power and great glory, we may be made
like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (*we sit*)

The First Lesson – Job 19:23-27a

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 17:1-9

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry; *
**listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying
lips.**

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
**O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.**

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

The Epistle Lesson – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being
gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and
sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed,
either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us,
to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let
no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come
unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is
revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes
and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of
worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God,
declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I
told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers
and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you
as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by
the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose
he called you through our proclamation of the good news,
so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn: *Love's Redeeming Work Is Done (we stand)*.....188

The Gospel – Luke 20:27-38

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

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose. And for the ministry of all church musicians and all those who sing your praise in worship.

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: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*.....341

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: *Blessed Assurance (we stand)*

**1. Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine.
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.**

Chorus:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;**

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight:
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Chorus)**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His Love.
(Chorus)**

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Serving at Epiphany this week:

Ushers: Darrell and Suzy Wilson
Altar Guild: Lee Borden
Lay Reader: Lee Borden
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Laura Williams
Refreshments: Pam Harper

And next:

Ushers: Mike Rallo and Maurice McCord
Altar Guild: Suzy Wilson
Lay Reader: Kay Dickey
Officiant: Suzy Wilson
Refreshments: Cathy Jones