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John 1:29

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Morning Prayer  
January 19, 2020, 10:30 am

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: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* .....135

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

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.**

*Venite – Psalm 95* .....S 35

Psalm 40:1-12

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord;  
**he stooped to me and heard my cry.**

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;  
**he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God;

**many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.**

4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord!  
**they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!

how great your wonders and your plans for us!  
**there is none who can be compared with you.**

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
**but they are more than I can count.**

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure  
(**you have given me ears to hear you**);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,  
**and so I said, "Behold, I come.**

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:  
**'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'**

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;  
**behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.**

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
**I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from  
the great congregation.**

12 You are the Lord;  
do not withhold your compassion from me;  
**let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe 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.**

## The Lessons

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

### The First Lesson – Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength--

he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 10 - The Second Song of Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
**call upon him when he draws near.**

Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
**and the evil ones their thoughts;**

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
**and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
**nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
**so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
**and return not again, but water the earth,**

Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
**seed for sowing and bread for eating,**

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
**it will not return to me empty;**

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
**and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

**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 Epistle Lesson - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 13 - *A Song of Praise* .....S 236

### The Gospel Lesson – John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn – *Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word (we stand)*.....440

### The Apostles' Creed

**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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings  
 and come into his courts.

Hymn – *Spirit Song (we remain seated)*.....SH 45

Presentation – *As with Gladness Men of Old (we stand)*.....119:1

### The Prayers (*we stand or kneel*)

Hear our cry, O God.  
**And listen to our prayer.**  
 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

Help us, O God our Savior;  
**Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**  
 Look upon your congregation;  
**Give to your people the blessing of peace.**  
 Declare your glory among the nations;  
**And your wonders among all peoples.**  
 Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
**Never forget the lives of your poor.**  
 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
**And your favor to those who are true of heart.**  
 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
**So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the  
 light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by  
 your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of  
 Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and  
 obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our  
 Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
 one God, now and for 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 Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn: *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*.....131

### Intercessions and Thanksgivings (*we stand or kneel*)

We pray for the souls of Arnold Bush, Don Delashaw, Kay Twilley, Adine Moseley, 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, Nancy Bush, Dezzel Oliver, Tom Haynie, Beth Hall, Maurice McCord**, 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 retired clergy, and for deceased clergy, their widows and children.

### 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: *Ye Servants of God (we stand)*.....535

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

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This one's hot off the presses! The Alabama Diocese selected the Rev. Glenda S. Curry yesterday as our next bishop. Glenda is the Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Birmingham; while serving as the president of Troy University, she was instrumental in creating the Rosa Parks museum. She will be consecrated June 27 as bishop coadjutor and will spend several months serving alongside Bishop Sloan before becoming Ordinary upon his retirement.

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You may have heard about Andy Stricker's Sunday School lesson series on the Story of the Bible and wondered whether it's too late to join in. The answer is certainly not. Andy's series will continue next Sunday, January 26. You can go to the church calendar and click on any of the upcoming Sunday School lessons for the link to download Andy's splendid graphic novel and enter the conversation. We promise: you really don't want to miss this.

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Our newly constituted vestry will meet today at noon in the Little House and will elect a senior warden and a junior warden to serve during 2020.

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### Serving at Epiphany this week:

Ushers: John and Kathy Haynie  
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones  
Lay Reader: Betty Weldon  
Officiant: Andy Stricker  
Refreshments: John and Kathy Haynie

### And next:

Ushers: Darrell and Suzy Wilson  
Altar Guild: Elizabeth Harber  
Lay Reader: Betty Weldon  
Officiant: Kathy Haynie  
Refreshments: Cathy Jones