

Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!

Psalm 119:1

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist
February 16, 2020, 10:30 am

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: *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord (we stand)*.....304

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, the strength of all who put their trust in you:
Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness
we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of
your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may
please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (*we sit*)

The First Lesson – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and
prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the
commandments of the Lord your God that I am
commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God,
walking in his ways, and observing his commandments,
decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become
numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the
land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart
turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow
down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today
that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that
you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call
heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have
set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose
life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the
Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for
that means life to you and length of days, so that you may

live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your
ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the Lord!
2 **Happy are they who observe his decrees ***
and seek him with all their hearts!
3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.
4 **You laid down your commandments, ***
that we should fully keep them.
5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!
6 **Then I should not be put to shame, ***
when I regard all your commandments.
7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
8 **I will keep your statutes; ***
do not utterly forsake me.

The Epistle Lesson – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual
people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in
Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were
not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready,
for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is
jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the
flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For
when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong
to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through
whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each.
I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So
neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is
anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one
who plants and the one who waters have a common
purpose, and each will receive wages according to the
labor of each. For we are God's servants, working
together; you are God's field, God's building.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn:

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (we stand).....635

The Gospel – Matthew 5:21-37

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

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sermon - “Time to Eat” The Rev. Tiffany Chaney

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 VI, page 392 BCP)
(*We stand or kneel.*)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Kee, our bishop; and Glenda, our bishop coadjutor-elect, for Tiffany, our supply priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray for **Mike Oniffrey, Micah Hart, Dennis Harper, Larry and Pat Sharpton, Troy Warlick, Nancy Bush, Dezel Oliver, Tom Haynie, Beth Hall, Maurice McCord, Janean Hayes, George Rowell**, and the others we now name *(the people here add their own petitions)*.

Silence

We pray for those who asked for their names to be lifted up at Beans & Rice yesterday: *(the lay reader recites the names)*.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for **Charlie Hayes, Anna Wright**, and all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Offertory

Hymn: *Prayer of St Francis*.....SH 74

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

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p 367)

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*.....S 125

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: *Christ Our Passover*.....S 156

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people

After Communion, we stand or kneel and the Celebrant says

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: *Once to Every Man and Nation*.....Page 5

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Serving at Epiphany this week:

Ushers: Laura Williams and Barbara Trogon
Altar Guild: Lee Borden
Lay Reader: Lee Borden
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lavonne Hart
Refreshments: Lavonne Hart

And next:

Ushers: Lavonne Hart and Jimmy Weldon
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
Lay Reader: Betty Weldon
Officiant: Andy Stricker
Refreshments: Suzy and Darrell Wilson

Once to Every Man and Nation

James Russell Lowell, 1845

Thomas John Williams, 1890

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1. Once to ev - ery man and na - tion, Comes the mo - ment to de - cide,
2. Then to side with truth is no - ble, When we share her wretch - ed crust,
3. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs, Christ, Thy bleed - ing feet we track;
4. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per, Yet the truth a - lone is strong;



In the strife of truth with false - hood, For the good or e - vil side;
Ere her cause bring fame and pro - fit, And 'tis pros - perous to be just;
Toil - ing up new Cal - v'ries ev - er With the cross that turns not back;
Though her por - tion be the scaf - fold, And up - on the throne be wrong;



Some great cause, some great de - ci - sion, Off - ering each the bloom or blight,
Then it is the brave man choos - es, While the cow - ard stands a - side,
New oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties, Time makes an - cient good un - couth,
Yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture, And be - hind the dim un - known,



And the choice goes by for - ev - er, 'Twixt that dark - ness and that light.
Till the mul - ti - tude make vir - tue Of the faith they had de - nied.
They must up - ward still and on - ward, Who would keep a - breast of truth.
Stand - eth God with - in the sha - dow, Keep - ing watch a - bove His own.



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