

And all ate and were filled; and they took up
what was left over of the broken pieces,
twelve baskets full.

Matthew 14:20

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer
August 2, 2020, 9:30 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 (EOW)*.
Congregational responses are in **boldface type**.

*We will observe silence together to prepare for worship, which begins with
the ringing of the bell. We stand.*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and
bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We stand or kneel. (BCP 79)

**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 our 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 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 forever.
Amen. Alleluia.**

Jubilate – Psalm 100 (*BCP 82*)

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm 17:1-7, 16 (*we remain standing*)

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

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

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
**I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.**

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

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

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

**But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.**

The Lessons

*Unless noted otherwise, we sit for each lesson and stand for each
canticle.*

The Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 32: 22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two
maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the
Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and
likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a
man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw
that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the
hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled
with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking."
But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."
So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said,
"Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called
Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with
humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please
tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my

name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 17 – The Song of Simeon (*BCP 93*)

**Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**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 – Romans :1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ -- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit -- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn – *Come O Thou Traveler Unknown (we sit)*

Come O thou traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see; my company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee. With thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell thee who I am, my misery or sin declare; thyself hast called me by my name, look on thy hands, and read it there. But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me now.

The Gospel Lesson – Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he

ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Lee Lowery

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 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.**

Suffrages (*EOW 42*)

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Grace (*BCP 100*)

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 Collect for Guidance (*BCP 100*)

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission (*BCP 100*)

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.**

This Thursday marks the Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrating the dramatic and mysterious illumination of Christ in the presence of Peter, John, and James. If this sounds familiar, it should. The Revised Common Lectionary describes the transfiguration on the last Sunday after Epiphany (just before Ash Wednesday).

Hymn: *Hope of the World (we sit)*

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion, speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent. Save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life, still let thy Spirit unto us be given to heal earth's wounds and end her bitter strife.

Intercessions and Thanksgiving (*we stand*)

We pray for the souls of all those who have died from Covid-19, and all 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 Micah Hart, Dennis Harper, Larry and Pat Sharpton, Dezel Oliver, Tom Haynie, Beth Hall, Maurice McCord, Sharon Browning, Julie Williams, Mike Dickey, Harrison Smith, Ellen Solomon, and the others we now name.

Silence

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our bishops, Kee and Glenda. We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose. For the Alabama Cursillo Secretariat and Cursillo Community.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (*BCP 102*)

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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation (*we sit*)

Serving at Epiphany this week:	And next:
Lay reader: Amanda Borden	Lay reader: Lee Borden
	Grounds: Mike Rallo and Jimmy Weldon