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| Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.  Psalm 130:1 | Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  Holy Eucharist  June 27, 2021, 10:30 am |

We worship today according to the appointed order for the Holy Eucharist, beginning on   
page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer and from   
*Enriching Our Worship*. Congregational responses are in boldface type.

Liturgy of the Word

Our worship begins with the ringing of the bell and the Acclamation on BCP 355. We stand.

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.

Hymn – *Gloria* – S 280

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 – 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!  
How the mighty have fallen!

Tell it not in Gath,  
proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;

or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,  
the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

You mountains of Gilboa,  
let there be no dew or rain upon you,  
nor bounteous fields!

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,  
the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain,  
from the fat of the mighty,

the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,  
nor the sword of Saul return empty.

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!  
In life and in death they were not divided;

they were swifter than eagles,  
they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,  
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen  
in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.  
I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;

greatly beloved were you to me;  
your love to me was wonderful,  
passing the love of women.

How the mighty have fallen,  
and the weapons of war perished!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 - BCP 784

**Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

**If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?**

**For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.**

**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.**

**My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

**O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

**With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

The Epistle – 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

As you excel in everything -- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something -- now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has -- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: *Lord, I Want To Be a Christian* (we stand)

**1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart*.***

**In my heart, in my heart,**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart*.***

**2. Lord, I want to be more loving . . .**

**3. Lord, I want to be like Jesus . . .**

The Gospel – Mark 5:21-43

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
Glory to You, Lord Christ.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

We sit.

Sermon - The Rev. Lee Lowery

The Nicene Creed (we stand) – BCP 358

**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.**

The Prayers of the People (Form III, BCP 387) (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, especially **Roger** Smith, **Emily** and **Cole** Orosco, **Dorothy** Sickle and **Candice** Gully;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the 10 people who died last weekend in the tragic auto accident on I-65 – eight from the Girls’ Ranch in Tallapoosa County – and 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.

We may add our own petitions silently or aloud.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

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.

The Offertory

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Hymn: When We Walk with the Lord (we stand)

**When we walk with the Lord   
in the light of his word,   
what a glory he sheds on our way!   
While we do his good will,   
he abides with us still,   
and with all who will trust and obey.**

**Chorus:  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way   
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**But we never can prove   
the delights of his love   
until all on the altar we lay;   
for the favor he shows,   
for the joy he bestows,   
are for them who will trust and obey.**

**When in fellowship sweet   
we will sit at his feet,   
or we'll walk by his side in the way;   
what he says we will do,   
where he sends we will go;   
never fear, only trust and obey.**

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 1 - *Enriching Our Worship* (we stand)

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

***Sanctus* - S 129**

We stand or kneel

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel.* BCP 365

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

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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| Serving at Epiphany this week:  Altar Guild: Lee Borden  Lay Reader: Linda Lowery | And next:  Altar Guild: Suzy Wilson  Lay Reader: Betty Weldon |