

# **25th Sunday after Pentecost**



**November 19, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**The Episcopal Church  
of the Epiphany  
Crestview, Florida**

*Hymns used in today's service come from either the 1982 Hymnal, the Celebration Hymnal (hymn numbers preceded by CH) or the blue Epiphany Songbook (hymn number preceded by BB)*

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### Prelude

**Opening Hymn 290** Come ye thankful people come

### The Word of God

*Celebrant* Blessed be God; Father: Son and Holy Spirit!

*People* And blessed be his reign, now and forever! 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.*

### A Song of Praise S-236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray together

## Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons (insert)

The First Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Psalm 90:1-12

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**Gospel Hymn 476** Can we by searching find out God

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel:     Matthew 25: 14-30

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev. David M. Clothier

## The Nicene Creed

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 IV)**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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; and in the diocesan  
cycle of prayer, the Washington County Jail, Chatom, Alabama;

*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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, Russell our Bishop, David our Vicar; and all bishops and other ministers; and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, St. Anna's, Atmore; and St. John the Evangelist, Robertsdale;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For Adley, Alice, Amy, Anthony, Barbara, Bill, Buni, Cameron, Cindy, Debra, Dennis, Donna, Florie, Janice, Jeff, Julie, Katie, Kei'Mari, Mary, Maureen, Missy, Nancy, Pam, Phil, Phyllis, Robert, Stan, Steve, and Sybil.

*Silence (The People may add their own petitions.)*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

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

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died.

*Silence (The People may add their own petitions.)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

*The Celebrant concludes with*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The 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.

*Celebrant*

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.*

**Announcements**

**Offertory**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and  
come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

**Offertory Hymn (sung by the choir)** The earth is the Lord's  
*by D. & W. Hannibal, arr. by R. Thornhill*

**Blessing of the Offering**

*People sing* All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own  
have we given thee.

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharist 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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S-130** *sung*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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**

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

## **The Invitation**

This is the table of our Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love him,  
and those who want to love him more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long  
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
It is his will that the people who want him should meet him here.  
These are 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 and with thanksgiving.

**Hymn 433** We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* 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**

May the Peace of God that surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

## **The Procession into the World**

**Hymn 291** We plow the fields and scatter

## **The Dismissal**

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

## **Postlude**

***Please remember in your prayers:***

Adley Hipwell, Alice Stevens, Amy & Anthony Lehatto,  
Barbara Murrell, Bill Jones, Cameron Angleton, Cindy Duffy,  
Debra Evans, Dennis Jackson, Donna Andrews, Florie Angelini,  
Janice Tyler, Jeff Evans, Julie Hill, Katie Furby, Kei’Mari Martin,  
Mary Meehan, Maureen Marcotte, Missy Jones, Nancy Delierre,  
Pam & Phil Phillips, Phyllis Alles, Robert Stevens,  
Stan von Bokern, Steve & Buni O’Brien, and Sybil King

***For those serving in the Armed Forces***

Adam Hipwell, Adley Hipwell, Mathew Hipwell,  
Sam Sewell and Michael L. Mazerat, Jr.

***In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer***

St. Anna’s, Atmore; St. John the Evangelist, Robertsedale,  
Alabama; and the Washington County Jail, Chatom, Alabama

***Announcements***

- Healing service today
- Annual Meeting — December 11
- Bishop’s visit — Confirm, received and reaffirm
- Stewardship — Time, Talent & Treasure
- Thanksgiving dinner at golf course
- November Clarion
- Check out the Parish Hall Bulletin Board for more events
- Friday morning fellowship each week: Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m., Prayer Group at 10 a.m., followed by choir rehearsal. (All are invited to join the hymn practice Sundays at 9:30 am.)
- Last person out check all the doors and turn out the lights

*Your presence is a blessing to the Church of the Epiphany!  
We hope you will experience the grace and love of God here  
with us, whether you have been a part of our church for years,  
or are walking through our doors for the first time.*

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## **Our Mission Statement**

The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home for all those who are seeking God's unconditional love.