

Sixth Sunday of Easter



**May 14, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

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

Hymns used in today's service come from the 1982 Hymnal and the Celebration Hymnal (hymn number preceded by CH).

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude:

Processional Hymn CH 143 This is my Father's world

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia! The Lord has risen!

People The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.*

The Gloria S-280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (insert)

The First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:7-18

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Hymn CH 8 Come, Thou Almighty King

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 14:15-21

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.

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; and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, the Atmore Community Work Center;

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, Beloved Community Outreach Center, and United Thank Offering;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence (The People may add their own petitions.)

For Adley, Amy, Anthony, Barbara, Buni, David, Father De, Debra, Dennis, Donna, Emily, Florie, Janice, Jeff, Jeremy, Jill, Julie, Julia, Katie, Kei'Mari, Mark, Mary, Maureen, Nancy, Pam, Pat, Phyllis, Raquel, Steve, Sybil, Tom, and William.

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, 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.

The celebrant concludes with

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn CH 87 Fairest Lord Jesus

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.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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-125 *sung*

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 people stand or kneel.

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.

Communion Hymn CH 89 Jesus the very thought of Thee

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

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Procession into the World

Hymn CH 416 We're marching to Zion

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please remember in your prayers:

Adley Hipwell, Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Procino,
Bill Jones, the Rev. David Knight, the Rev. De Freeman,
Debra Evans, Dennis Jackson, Donna Andrews, Emily Sewell,
Florie Angelini, Janice Tyler, Jeff Evans, the Rev. Julia Phillips,
Julie Hill, Katie Furby, Kei'Mari Martin, Mary Meehan,
Nancy Delierre, Pam & Phil Phillips, Pat Shew, Phyllis Alles,
Maureen Marcotte, Steve & Buni O'Brien,
Sybil King, Tom Holmes Jr. and William Sanders

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Beloved Community Outreach Center; United Thank Offering;
Atmore Community Work Center, Atmore, Alabama

Announcements

- Vestry meeting today
- Mother's Day Prayer from *Women's Uncommon Prayers*
- Day of Ascension (May 18)
- Pentecost (wear red!) The birthday of the Church
- Memorial Day service (May 30)
- May Clarion
- Updating the prayer and armed forces lists
- 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.)
- Check the bulletin board in the parish hall for more information and updated news.
- 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.