

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

Instructions for participating in the service appear in italics in the body of this bulletin.

Hymns used today come from the 1982 Hymnal

Prelude

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Entrance Hymn 412 Earth and all stars

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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 (Hymn S-280) *Sung by all*

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 people sit

The First Lesson: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

The Second Lesson: James 1:17-27

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The people stand

Gospel Hymn 656 Blest are the pure in heart

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David M. Clothier

A period of silence for quiet contemplation

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.

Stand or kneel. Pray responsively.

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, St. Stephen's, Brewton, Alabama; the School for Lay Ministry; the School for Ordained Ministry; .

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, and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, the Crenshaw County Jail, Luverne, Alabama;

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 the Crestview Area Shelter for the Homeless;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to 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.

(The people may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.)

For Adley, Amanda, Amy, Anthony, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Buni, Brenda, Cindy, Debbie, Dennis, Donna, Emily, Florie, Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Judy, Julie, Kei'Mari, Mary, Maureen, Mike, Missy, Nancy, Phyllis, Steve, Sung Ki, Sybil and Young Ja.

The Celebrant concludes with

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Stand or kneel

Silence

All say

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

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mighty 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.

Response And also with you.

The people may exchange the Peace with one another

Announcements

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts.

Offertory Hymn 423 Immortal invisible God only wise

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

Eucharistic Prayer C

Spoken responsively

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.

Celebrant 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 S-129 *All sing*

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

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues.

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.*

The celebrant continues

Lord God of our forebearers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; 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

Silence

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Response Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

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 Hymns 628 Help us O Lord to learn
344 Lord dismiss us with Thy blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People 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

Celebrant
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.

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!

Response Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Please remember in your prayers:

Adley Hipwell, Amanda & Jacob White, Amanda Spradlin,
Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Murrell, Betty Schwartzkopf,
Bill Jones, Brenda Faulkner, Buni & Steve O'Brien, Cindy Duffy,
Debbie Evans, Dennis Jackson, Donna Andrews, Emily Sewell,
Florie Angelini, Janice Tyler, Jeff Evans, Judy Tinsley,
Julie Hill, Kei'Mari Martin, Kim Sung Ki, Kim Young Ja,
Mary Meehan, Maureen Marcotte, Michael Mazzerat,
Missy Jones, Nancy Delierre, Phyllis Alles,
Steve Haskew, and Sybil King.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Stephen's, Brewton, Alabama;
the School for Lay Ministry; the School for Ordained Ministry;
and Crenshaw County Jail, Luverne, Alabama

Announcements

- Potluck lunch today
- Eucharistic Prayer C during the Season of Creation
- The September Clarion
- Community hymn sing
- August-October Forward Day-by-Day
- Updated Church Directory
- Zumba Class
- 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.)

*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.