

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 1, 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 or the Celebration Hymnal (hymn numbers preceded by CH)

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

Professional Hymn CH 87 Fairest Lord Jesus

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.

Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Ezekial 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-8

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Hymn CH 89 Jesus the very thought of Thee

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David M. Clothier

A period of silence for reflection

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 Dale County Jail, Ozark, 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. Francis of Assisi, Gulf Breeze, and St. Francis. Dauphin Island, Alabama;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For Adley, Amy, Anthony, Barbara, Bill, Father Bob. Buni, Cindy, David, Father De, Debra, Dennis, Donna, Florie, Jacquie, Janice, Jeff, Julie, Katie, Kei'Mari, Mary, Maureen, Bishop Michael, Michele, Missy, Nancy, Pam, Phil, Pat, Phyllis, Stan, Steve, Sybil, and Tom.

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 CH 586 He's got the whole world in His hands

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 C

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.

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-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

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.*

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, 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

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 581 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

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 CH 63 All creatures of our God and King

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, Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Murrell, Bill Jones, Cameron Angleton, Cindy Duffy, the Rev. De Freeman, Debra Evans, Dennis Jackson, Donna Andrews, Florie Angelini, Janice Tyler, Jeff Evans, Julie Hill, Katie Furby, Kei’Mari Martin, Mary Meehan, Maureen Marcotte, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Michele Dennis, Missy Jones, Nancy Delierre, Pam Phillips, Phyllis Alles, Robert Stevens, Stan von Bokern, Steve & Buni O’Brien, Sybil King, and Tom Holmes Jr.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Francis of Assisi, Gulf Breeze; St. Francis, Dauphin Island, and Dale County Jail, Ozark, Alabama

Announcements

- Potluck luncheon
- October Clarion
- Blessing of the Animals
- 2024 Liturgical Calendars
- Check out the Parish Hall Bulletin Board for:
 - Fisher House at Eglin AFB
 - Discipleship Day — October 28
 - Crestview Men’s Breakfast — October 14
- 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.