



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
BURNET, TEXAS

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 76 *Winchester New*

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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 following is sung by all (setting is S280 in the hymnal)

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.

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A reading from the Book of the Genesis (1.1-5)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 *Afferte Domino*

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (19.1-7)

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 339 *Schmücke dich*

1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight’s splendor; there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded;
high o’er all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

2 Sun, who all my life dost brighten; Light, Who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy the best that any knoweth; Fount, whence all my being floweth;
at thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark. (4.1-11)
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

3 Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited, be thy love with love requited;
from this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep it's treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me as thy guest in heaven receive me.

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The Sermon

The Reverend Michael Long

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 VI)

The Leader and People pray responsively

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;
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, and Andy, Kai, Jeff, and Hector, our bishops; for Michael our priest, Jeannie our missionary, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

John	Caroline & Brian	Allan	Kenyon	Ann
Nancy	James	Sarah	Ginny	Patty
Morgan	Victoria	Lynne	Lindsey	David
Christian	Carol	Ellie	Glenda	Ed
Bailey family	Judy	Patrick	Tyler	Bob
Dale	Merle	Shelly	Greg	Karen
Bonnie & Ed	Leslie	June	Miranda	Gayle
Sherrill	Mollie	Katelyn	Rashunda	RG
Bobbie	George	Dianne	Carolyn	Robyn
Melissa	Jackie	Donna	Shereese	Carol
Betty	Degeyter family	Sid and his family	Women in the Hutto facility	Tom

And with all who serve in the military, especially

Brian	James	Kevin	Jarrold	Jonathan
Eric	Trever	Chris	Bryan	All in harm's way

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, and especially we pray in thanksgiving with Deborah Kelley (1/10), Addison Drake (1/14), Robert Winter (1/14), and Otis Maclay (1/16) who celebrate their birthdays this week, and with Mae and Morgan Wright who celebrate their wedding anniversary this Saturday.

Silence *The People may add their own thanksgivings*

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, especially Randy Shelburn, Suggie Propes, Kathleen McGannon, Stacy Alicia Myers Nichols, and all who have died from the coronavirus.

And for their families and friends, and for all who mourn.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence. Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with this absolution.

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 Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Blessing

The Celebrant says

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 127 Stuttgart

1 Earth has many a noble city; Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven came to rule his Israel.

2 Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing seen in fleshly form on earth.

3 Eastern sages at his cradle make oblations rich and rare;
see them give, in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

4 Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth, myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.

5 Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped at thy glad epiphany,
unto thee, with God the Father and the Spirit, glory be.

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Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

- **Layreaders this morning** are Sandy and Rufus Arrington.
- **LA Care and the Community Kitchen** have ongoing needs. Epiphany maintains the Community Kitchen the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.
- **Bulletin and E-Star deadlines**—Tuesday, 9 am. Contact Dianne Williams in the parish office with news or updates.
- **All are welcomed to the Bible Study following coffee hour.** We are reading *The Preaching Life* by Barbara Brown Taylor. No preparation is necessary; come join us!