



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
BURNET, TEXAS

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Hymn 371 *Moscow*

1 Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray,  
and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the in-ly blind, now to all humankind, let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the waters' face  
bearing the gifts of grace, and, in earth's darkest place, let there be light!

4 Holy and blessèd Three, glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might; boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!

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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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that  
your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of  
Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one  
God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **A reading from the First Book of the Prophet Samuel (3.1-10)**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of  
the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose  
eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;  
the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of  
the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he  
said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said,  
"I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again,  
"Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But  
he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know  
the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.  
The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said,  
"Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.  
Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say,  
'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.  
Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel  
said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am  
about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it  
tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house,  
from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house  
forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he

did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 139:1-5,12-17** *Domine, probasti*

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \* and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \* but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \* and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \* it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \* how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

**A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth. (6.12-20)**

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Hymn 440 *Liebster Jesu*

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John. (1.43-51)

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he

said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

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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**

*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*

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

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 Sue Brunson (1/17) and David Leitch (1/22) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

*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 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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.



Hymn 533 Lyons

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?  
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;  
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:  
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,  
till earth's every people confess thee their God.

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Dismissal      *Celebrant*      Let us bless the Lord.  
                     *People*              Thanks be to God.

Layreaders this morning are Karen and David Leitch.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Please stay with us for at least the first few minutes of coffee hour. Dr. Lynne Gray and Dr. Ryan Guthrie bring news about the state of the coronavirus vaccine, particularly as it relates to our Epiphany church family.

- **LA Care and the Community Kitchen** have ongoing needs. Epiphany maintains the Community Kitchen the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!