



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
BURNET, TEXAS

JANUARY 31, 2021  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Hymn 616    *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;  
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest;  
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

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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 (Hymn S280)*

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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:  
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### A reading from Deuteronomy (18.15-20)

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 111** *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \* they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \* and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \* he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \* because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

**A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth. (8.1-13)**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it

is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Hymn 448 *Deus tuorum militum*

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2 For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought:  
by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark. (1.21-28)

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

4 For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

5 For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6 All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

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*

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

And with all who serve in the military, especially

Brian	James	Kevin	Jarrod	Jonathan
Eric	Trevor	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 Morgan Montemayor (2/6) and Ursula Domingues (2/6) who celebrate their birthdays and with Ellie and Claude Burks (2/1), Karen and David Leitch (2/1), and Kenda Avery and Wayne Blikre (2/2) who celebrate their wedding anniversaries 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 Carolyn Smith, Keegan Zachos, José Luis Aguilera, 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 380 Old 100th

1 From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!  
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!

2 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; and truth eternal is thy word:  
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

- **Layreaders this morning** are Carol and Jim Weathers.
- **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.

**Welcome to Epiphany**, a parish church of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

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Our mission: To be part of God's family, growing through worship and ministry by sharing Christ's love with our community and beyond. Vision: to be a place where people find God's purpose for their lives and become empowered by the Holy Spirit to make a difference in God's world.

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Michael Long
Senior Warden	Linda Myers (Term ends 2023)
Junior Warden	JJ Gonzales (2022)
Vestry Member	Sandy Arrington (2022)
Vestry Member	Otis Maclay (2022)
Vestry Member	Diane Langley (2023)
Vestry Member	Margaret Thomas (2023)
Vestry Member	Rachel Bryson (2024)
Vestry Member	Ryan (RG) Guthrie (2024)
Vestry Member	Sherry Musgrove (2024)

Treasurer	Diane Hays
Missionary	Jeannie Loving
Acolyte Co-Directors	Bill Drake, Kathleen Broad
Music Directors	Otis Maclay, Mike Kelley
Saint Anne's Guild	Carol Weathers
Altar Guild	Carol Weathers, Diane Hays
Daughters of the King	Sandy Arrington
Sunday School Director	Nancy Heuss
Editor of the E-Star, weekly newsletter	Dianne Williams
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