



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
BURNET, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 7, 2021
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 529 McKee

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

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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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (40.21-31)

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-12,21c *Laudate Dominum*

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.
 3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.
 4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.
 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.
 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.
 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.
 8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;
 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.
 10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.
 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
 he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
 in those who await his gracious favor.
 21 Hallelujah!

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth. (9.16-23)

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 488 *Slane*

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark. (1.29-39)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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
Marianne	Jo	Jill	Virginia	Barbara	Dallas
Women in the Hutto facility					

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 Bill Callaway (2/7) and Ian Rodriguez (2/12) who celebrate their birthdays and with Nancy and Dale Petty (2/12) who celebrate their wedding anniversary 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, Marco Espinosa, 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 423 *St. Denio*

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

- **Layreaders this morning** are Rachel Bryson and RG Guthrie.
- **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.

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
Parish Secretary/Office Manager	Dianne Williams