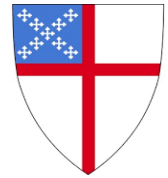




EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
BURNET, TEXAS



MAY 23, 2021

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 509 *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*

1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house thy home;  
descend with all thy gracious powers, O come, great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light; to us reveal our emptiness and woe,  
and lead us in those paths of life whereon the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame;  
let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's Name.

4 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings, the wings of peaceful love;  
and let thy Church on earth become blest as the Church above.

5 Spirit divine, attend our prayers; make a lost world thy home;  
descend with all thy gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!

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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*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*

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, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (2.1-21)**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs~ in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and

smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Psalm 104:25-35,374** *Benedic, anima mea*

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you \* to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; \* I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \* Hallelujah!

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans. (8.22-27)**

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart,

knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Hymn 516 *Down Ampney*

1 Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord . . . according to John. (15:26-27; 16:4b-15)

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

3 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Michael Long

## The Nicene Creed *Said by all*

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.

## Prayers of the People, Form II

*The People stand or kneel. In the course of the silence after each bidding, they offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael; for our Bishops Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai; for our priest Michael; for our missionary Jeannie; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Michael Montague, Patsy Stuart, David Webb, Marina Szejko, and all who have died from the coronavirus, and for all who mourn their passing. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for

John	Allan	Kenyon	Ann	Charles	Allen
Nancy	James	Sarah	Ginny	Patty	Ed
Morgan	Victoria	Lynne	Lindsey	Alice	Degeyter family
David	Christian	Carol	Ellie	Glenda	William
Judy	Patrick	Tyler	Tom	Leah	Bailey family
Bob	Dale	Merle	Shelly	Greg	Gary
Karen	Donna	Shereese	Carol	Jackie	Betty
Leslie	June	Miranda	Gayle	Donald	Bonnie & Ed
Sherrill	Molly	Katelyn	Rashunda	RG	Sherry
Bobbie	George	Dianne	Carolyn	Robyn	Norman
Marianne	Jo	Jill	Virginia	Joe	Winifred
Cecile	Melissa	Dallas	Mary	Maureen	Ryan
Jim	Linda	Oscar	Roberta	Easton	Rocco
Ann	Susan	John	Kiran	Women in the Hutto facility	

I ask your prayers for all who serve in the military, especially

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

I ask your prayers for all who are traveling this week.

I ask your thanksgiving for Jane Scheidler and Otis Maclay who celebrate their wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

I invite your prayers or thanksgivings at this time.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant concludes with following collect*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest stands and says*

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** *All stand*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord without leaving their places.*

## The Offertory

*The offering of money remains at the back of the church; all stand and sing together the Doxology*

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.

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant will go to each individual or group to administer Holy Communion  
in one kind—bread (host) only. Please wait for him in your place in the pews.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel, and the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.



On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

*The Celebrant says*

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

*The Celebrant and People 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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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**

**The Reverend Michael Long**

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 511 *Abbot's Leigh*

1 Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving through her in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ;  
thee we praise with endless worship for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.

2 Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry;  
quicken, strengthening and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age, and soul to soul,  
in a fellowship unending thee we worship and extol.

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Those serving today:**

- **Lay Readers:** Linda and Jim Dyke.
- **Acolyte/Crucifer:** RG Guthrie.
- **Altar Guild:** Cecile Gloier and Sherry Musgrove.
- **Ushers:** Cecile Gloier and Sherry Musgrove.
- **Vestry Person of the Day:** Rachel Bryson.
- **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 Sandy or Rufus Arrington (rufussandraarr06@gmail.com) with news or updates.
- **WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR THE SIGN-UP/SURVEY TO ATTEND NEXT SUNDAY. PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, AS ALWAYS!**

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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
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