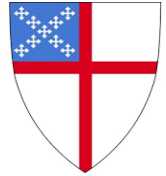




EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
BURNET, TEXAS



JULY 11, 2021  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

Hymn 601 *St. Michael*

Hymn 686 *Nettleton*

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 355

*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 Gloria 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.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*All are seated for the readings*

## A reading from the book of the prophet Amos. (7.7-15)

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Psalm 85:8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

BCP 709

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \* and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. (1.3-14)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Hymn 495 *In Babilone*

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid:  
by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:  
opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (6.14-29)

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the

king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare;  
ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive;  
highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise;  
help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Michael Long

**The Nicene Creed** *Said by all, standing*

BCP 358

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

BCP 387

*The People stand or kneel. The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael, our Presiding

Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops, and Michael, our priest;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

We pray especially for

John	Allan	Kenyon	Ann	Charles	Allen
Nancy	James	Sarah	Ginny	Patty	Ed
Morgan	Lynne	Lindsey	Alice	Ryan	Degeyter family
David	Christian	Carol	Ellie	Glenda	William
Judy	Patrick	Tyler	Tom	Leah	Winifred
Bob	Dale	Sheila	Merle	Shelly	Greg
Gary	Karen	Donna	Shereese	Jackie	Leslie
June	Miranda	Gayle	Donald	RG	Bonnie & Ed
Sherrill	Molly	Katelyn	Rashunda	Butch	Dianne
Carolyn	Robyn	Norman	Marianne	Cindy	Jo
Jill	Virginia	Joe	Betty	Linda	Martha and family
Mary	Maureen	Jim	Melissa	Dan	Calvin
Carol	Women in the Hutto facility				

And for those who serve in the military, especially

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

Give to the departed eternal rest.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We pray especially for Kenneth White, Jr., Sharon Steffey, and all who have died from the coronavirus, and for all who mourn their passing.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.



*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

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

I ask your thanksgivings for the birthday of Money Adams (7/15).

*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*

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. The Minister and People then say together*

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*

BCP 361

*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. Afterward the Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

### Hymn 372 *Leoni*

1 Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name  
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.  
The one eternal God ere aught that now appears:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!

2 Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness;  
holy, no holiness of earth can his express.  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Creation speaks his praise,  
and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.

3 His Spirit floweth free, high surging where it will:  
in prophet's word he spake of old: he speaketh still.  
Established is his law, and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, on land.

4 Eternal life hath he implanted in the soul;  
his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name  
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

**At the Offertory** *All sing 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 (BCP 361)**

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion. The fullness of the Sacrament is present in both consecrated bread and wine; therefore, anyone may receive in one kind (either bread or wine) or both. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your hands over your chest after receiving the host (bread).*

*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 our thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds (Preface from Enriching Our Worship)*

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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 the one 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**

BCP 364

*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.

Hymn 312 *Malabar*

1 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken;  
let ears that now have heard thy songs to clamour never waken.

2 Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang keep free from all deceiving;  
the eyes which saw thy love be bright, thy blessed hope perceiving.

3 The feet that tread thy holy courts from light do thou not banish;  
the bodies by thy Body fed with thy new life replenish.

**Postcommunion prayer** *From Enriching our Worship*

*Celebrant and People*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**The Blessing** *Said by the Celebrant*

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. Amen. (*source: Celtic*)

Hymn 436 *Truro*

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

2 O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes!

3 Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

4 Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.

5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;  
thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

**Dismissal**

BCP 366

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

Hymn 709 *Dundee*

- **Lay Readers:** Rachel Bryson and David Leitch.
- **Crucifer and Acolyte:** Grady and Jaxon Gonzales.
- **Altar flowers** today are given by Bobbie and George Clear.
- **Altar Guild:** Sue Brunson and Nancy Petty.
- **Ushers:** Bobbie and George Clear.
- **Vestry Person of the Day:** Margaret Thomas.
- **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.

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Our mission: To be a faithful 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	Sandy and Rufus Arrington
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