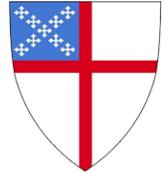




EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
BURNET, TEXAS



JULY 25, 2021
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

574 *St. Petersburg*

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.
- 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.

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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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All are seated for the readings

A reading from the Second Book of Kings. (4.42-44)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145.10-19 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

BCP 802

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words * and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways * and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. (3.14-21)

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 308 *Psalm 6*

1 O food to pilgrims given, O bread of life from heaven, O Manna from on high!
We hunger; Lord, supply us, nor thy delights deny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.

2 O stream of love past telling, O purest fountain, welling from out the Savior's side!
We faint with thirst; revive us, of thine abundance give us, and all we need provide.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Saint John. (6.1-21)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

3 O Jesus, by thee bidden, we here adore thee, hidden in forms of bread and wine.
Grant when the veil is riven, we may behold, in heaven, thy countenance divine.

The Sermon

The Reverend Tom Buechele

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.

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	Abigail	Tom	Deb	Women in the Hutto facility	

And for those who serve in the military, especially
Brian James Kevin Jarrod 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 Sharon Steffey, David Galvan, and for 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 birthdays of Pat Bass (7/25), Sandy Arrington (7/26), and Tom Mitchell (7/29).

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 321 *Rockingham*

1 My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2 O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests:
and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord, in countless numbers let them come
and gather from their Father's board the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread all men be blest who see the light or feel the sun.

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 304 *Land of Rest*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known, we see and praise him here.

5 Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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 414 *Stuttgart*

1 God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I bless thy Name;
day by day thy throne addressing, still will I thy praise proclaim.

2 Honor great our God befitteth; who his majesty can reach?
Age to age his work transmitteth; age to age his power shall teach.

3 They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and greatness dwell,
speak of thy dread acts the story, and thy deeds of wonder tell.

4 Nor shall fail from memory's treasure works by love and mercy wrought;
works of love surpassing measure, works of mercy passing thought.

5 Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation; all his works his goodness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy saints adore:
King supreme shall they confess thee, and proclaim thy sovereign power.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hymn 422 *Cornwall*

We welcome The Reverend Tom Buechele and his wife Jean who are with us this morning in Father Long's absence. Thank you both for making the trip to Burnet, and to you, Father Buechele, for celebrating!

Please do what you can to help our dear Vestry member RG Guthrie with medical expenses via his Go Fund Me account. Here is the link: <https://gofund.me/657ca2a2>

- **Lay Readers:** Diane Hays and Sherry Musgrove.
- **Crucifer and Acolyte:** Grady and Jaxon Gonzales.
- **Altar flowers** today are given by Deana Geuther in memory of her parents' 70th anniversary.
- **Ushers:** Deana Guether and Susan Wallace.
- **Vestry Person of the Day:** Rachel Bryson.
- **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 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
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Altar Guild	Carol Weathers, Diane Hays
Daughters of the King	Sandy Arrington
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