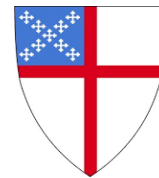




EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
BURNET, TEXAS



AUGUST 15, 2021  
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hymn 427 *Laudes Domini*

1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare with:  
Jesus Christ be praised!

3 No lovelier antiphon in all high heaven is known than,  
Jesus Christ be praised!

There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,  
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!

God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore  
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Proverbs. (9.1-6)**

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \* for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; \* I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life \* and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \* and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; \* seek peace and pursue it.

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. (5.15-20)**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*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;  
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 John. (6.51-58)

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of

the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

*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** *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	Abigail	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	Tom	Deb	David	Frank	Doug

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 Gilbert Castillo, Molly Chalmers, 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 those celebrating their birthdays this week—Jaxon Gonzales (8/16), Tylor Boswell (8/17), Zenobia Tolliver (8/17), Doug Brunson (8/18), Camrynn Guthrie (8/20), and Susan Cantu (8/20)—and with Sandy and Rufus Arrington who celebrate their wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

*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**

*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*

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

*People* And also with you.

**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 594 *Cwm Rhondda*

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim though this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

**Dismissal**

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

Lay Readers 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 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)
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Altar Guild	Carol Weathers, Diane Hays
Daughters of the King	Sandy Arrington
Sunday School Director	Nancy Heuss
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