



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
BURNET, TEXAS



AUGUST 29, 2021  
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

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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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.** [4.1-2,6-9]

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 15** *Domine, quis habitabit?*

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1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \* who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \* but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \* and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \* nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things \* shall never be overthrown.

**A reading from the Letter of James. (1.17-27)**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Hymn 707 Sung to tune *Aberystwyth*

1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark. (7.1-8,14-15,21-23)

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the

Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

2 Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Michael Long

**The Nicene Creed** *Said by all*

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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

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*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	Gayle	Donald	RG	Doug	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	Deb	David	Frank	Mark	Bailey family
Tom James family		People of Afghanistan		Women in the Hutto facility	

And for those who serve in the military, especially

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

Give to the departed eternal rest.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We pray especially for Gilbert Castillo, Molly Chalmers, Tom James, Miranda Roberts, Jackie Bailey, Milton Stark, 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, especially Carol Weathers.

I ask your thanksgivings for those celebrating their birthdays this week—

Ellie Burks (8/29), Bill Drake (8/30), Christopher Dorman (9/2), Cindy Rose (9/2), MaeSyn Castillo (9/3), David McGinty (9/3), and Frank Seidensticker (9/3)—and for the birth of Sienna Camille Brown, born Monday—daughter of Judith Allen McGinty and granddaughter of Sarah Allen and David McGinty.

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving for Deana Geuteher and Susan Wallace who were admitted as new members of the Daughters of the King yesterday.

*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 the following collect*

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (source: A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 569)

**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 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

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

*People* And also with you.

## The Blessing *Said by the Celebrant*

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

### Hymn 344 *Sicilian Mariners*

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace:  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:  
may the fruits of thy salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound:  
ever faithful, ever faithful  
to thy truth may we be found;

3 so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,  
fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

- **Lay Readers** are and Diane Hays and Sherry Musgrove.

- **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
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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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