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# Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

# Burnet, Texas

# September 12, 2021 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost





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Hymn 523 *Abbot’s Leigh*

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day;  
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer’s blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.  
’Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

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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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*Amen.*

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.** [50.4-9a]

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 116:1-8** *Dilexi, quoniam*

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \* “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \* our God is full of compassion.

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \* I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \* for the Lord has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, \* my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord \* in the land of the living.

**A reading from the Letter of James.** [3.1-12]

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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.

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark. (8.27-38)

*People*    Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

**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**

*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 Bergman Allan Leitch Kenyon Arrington Ann Leitch Charles Herfurth/Tolliver Allen Cecile’s neighbor

Nancy Kuhn/Drake James Leitch Sarah Lovelace Ginny Arrington Patty Murray Ed Arrington

Morgan Arrington Lynne Gray Lindsey Gray Alice Bryson Ryan from RG Degeyter family Arrington

David Alicia Christian Arrington Carol Guthrie Ellie Burks? Glenda Ben William Drake

Judy Kuykendal Patrick Kelley Tyler Sheila Wilson Tom Arrington Leah Bryson Winifred Cranz

Bob Leitch Dale Arrington Sheila Wilson Merle Arrington Shelly Leitch? Greg Margaret’s son?

Gary Stuart Karen?? Donna Sherry Shereese website Jackie RG Leslie Elizabeth

June Ellie Gayle ? Donald Cecile RG Guthrie DougWilson Bonnie & Ed Drake

Sherrill Musgrove? Abigail Arrington Katelyn Kelley Rashunda Hervey Butch Dianne Dianne Arrington

Carolyn?? Robyn Drake Norman Arrington Marianne Jo’s daughter Cindy Dianne Tom James family Musgrove

Jill Carol W Virginia Jo’s caregiver Joe Arringtons’ nephew Betty Bobbie’s sister Linda Diane H Martha and family ?

Mary Bosshardt Maureen Curran Jim Curran Melissa ?? Dan Diane H Calvin Rufus

Carol Hervey Deb Arrington David Garza/Long Craig Dianne Mark Pack Bailey family

Jo Lipscombe Frank ?? Women in the Hutto facility People in Afghanistan

And for those who serve in the military, especially

Brian James Kevin Jarrod 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 Tom James 8/20, Miranda Roberts 8/20, Jackie Bailey 8/21, Milton Stark 8/22, Maryanne Gordy 8/29, and all who have died from the coronavirus, and for all who mourn their passing. We pray also for all who died in the terrorist attacks twenty years ago yesterday and for their families.

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—Carol Weathers, Patrick Arrington, and Kevin and Laura Arrington.

I ask your thanksgivings for Caden Walker who celebrates his birthday this Wednesday and with Bobbie and George Clear who celebrate their wedding anniversary on Monday.

*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 654 *Sumner*

*The whole hymn will be played through as an introduction before we sing*

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

to see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly, to follow thee more nearly,

day by day.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

* **Lay Readers** are and Karen and David Leitch.
* **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)

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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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