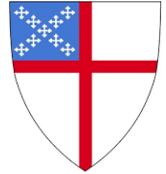




EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
BURNET, TEXAS

OCTOBER 31, 2021



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hymn 307 *Bryn Calfaría*

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor, first-begotten from the dead.  
Thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus, true and living bread! Jesus, true and living bread!

2 Here our humblest homage pay we, here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou art here, we ask not how. Thou art here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee, branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We in worship join with them. We in worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished once for all when thou was slain,  
in its fullness undiminished shall forevermore remain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cleansing us from every stain. Cleansing us from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna, smitten Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Risen, ascended, glorified! Risen, ascended, glorified!

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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 and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; 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 Deuteronomy.** (6:1-9)

Moses said: Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 119:1-8** *Beati immaculati*

BCP 763

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \* who walk in the law of the LORD!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \* and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, \* but always walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, \* that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \* that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, \* when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; \* do not utterly forsake me.

**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.** (9:11-14)

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Hymn 593 *Dickinson College*

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark. (12:28-34)  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

4 May we not look for love’s return, but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.

5 Dying, we live, and are reborn through death’s dark night to endless day;  
Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven’s light.

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Michael Long

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	Leah	Winifred	Jo
Bob	Dale	Sheila	Merle	Shelly	Greg
Gary	Karen	Donna	Shereese	Leslie	Mark
June	Gayle	Donald	RG	Doug	Bonnie & Ed
Sherrill	Abigail	Katelyn	Rashunda	Butch	Dianne
Carolyn	Robyn	Norman	Marianne	Cindy	Michael
Jill	Virginia	Joe	Betty	Linda	Carol
Mary	Maureen	Jim	Melissa	Dan	Calvin
Deb	David	Gilbert	Christopher	Robert	Martha & family
Janet	Colton	Travis	Hawthorne	Mollie	Carolyn
Bob	People in Afghanistan	Amber & family	Women in the Hutto facility		

And for those who serve in the military, especially  
Brian            James            Kevin            Jarrod            Eric  
Trever           Jonathan           Chris           Bryan           All in harm's way

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We pray for the repose of the souls of Habacuc Ramos, priest; Glen Childers; Kaye Weaver; Steve Summers; 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 Dale Petty who celebrate his birthday on Saturday.

*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*

**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. The Celebrant will administer the hosts at the crossing in front of the altar; chalice bearers will be on both sides.*

*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.

**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 594 *Cwm Rhondda*

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

## Dismissal

BCP 366

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Lay Readers:** Carol and Jim Weathers

**Crucifer and Acolyte:** Jaxon and Grady Gonzales

**Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Margaret Thomas.

**Altar Guild:** Sue Brunson and Nancy Petty

**Ushers:** Victoria and Justin Bailey

**Vestry Person of the Day:** Sherry Musgrove

## **Announcements**

**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.

## **FROM THE YMCA**

**YOU'RE INVITED!** Join us as we give thanks for our blessings, our community and our members. There will be food, fellowship, and thanks. This event is **FREE** for the community. Guest speaker: Aaron Thomas.

**Please RSVP to Tim Denton at [thdenton55@yahoo.com](mailto:thdenton55@yahoo.com).**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 12:00-:00**

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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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