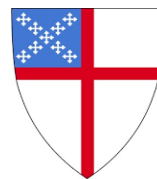




EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
BURNET, TEXAS
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 7, 2022



HOLY EUCHARIST AND
CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

Hymns and service music are in the blue hymnal. Service music selections (preceded by S) are in the first portion of the hymnal.

Hymn 533 Lyons

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,
till earth's every people confess thee their God.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People Blessed be God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Dearly beloved, in the name of God and the Church we have come together today with Anita June Hutson and Kenneth Mark Hutson to witness the sacred vows they make this day as they are married, and reaffirm their commitment to one another. Forsaking all others, they will renew their covenant of mutual fidelity and steadfast love, remaining true to one another in heart, body, and mind, as long as they both shall live.

Let us pray, then, that God will give them the strength to remain steadfast in what they vow this day. Let us also pray for the generosity to support them in the commitment they undertake, and for the wisdom to see God at work in their life together.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God of abundance: assist by your grace June and Mark whose covenant of love and fidelity we witness this day. Grant them your protection, that with firm resolve they may honor and keep the vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. [11:1-3,8-16] *The People are seated.*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign

land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old- and Sarah herself was barren- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 33:12-22 *Exultate, justi*

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.

- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Hymn 635 *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength what'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days,
who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on a rock that nought can move.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke. [12:32-40]

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your
Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions,
and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an

unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully, and trust his word, though undeserving thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted him indeed.

The Sermon

The Reverend Michael Long

The Witness of Vows and Blessing of the Covenant

The Priest addresses one member of the couple, then the other, saying

Priest June (Mark), do you freely and unreservedly offer yourself to Mark (June)?

Answer I do.

Priest Will you continue to live together in faithfulness and holiness of life as long as you both shall live?

Answer I will, with God's help.

The congregation stands, the couple faces the People, and the Presider addresses them, saying

Priest Will all of you gathered to witness these vows do all in your power to uphold and honor this couple in the covenant they make?

People We will.

Priest Will you pray for them, especially in times of trouble, and celebrate with them in times of joy?

People We will.

The Prayers

The Priest then introduces the prayers

Then let us pray for June and Mark in their life together and for the concerns of this community.

A Leader and the People pray responsively, the People kneeling or standing as they are able

For June and Mark, seeking your blessing and the blessing of your holy people; Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For a spirit of loving-kindness to shelter them all their days;
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For friends to support them and communities to enfold them;
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For peace in their home and love in their family;
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the honesty to acknowledge when they hurt each other, and the
humility to seek each other's forgiveness and yours;
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the outpouring of your love through their work and witness;
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the strength to keep the vows each of us has made;
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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;
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.

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

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Celebrant concludes with this collect.

Giver of every gift, source of all goodness, hear the prayers we bring before you for June and Mark, who seek your blessing this day. Strengthen them as they share in the saving work of Jesus, and bring about for them and for all you have created the fullness of life he promised, who now lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Marriage

The People sit. The couple stands, facing the Priest.

Priest June and Mark, I invite you now, illumined by the Word of God and strengthened by the prayer of this community, to make your covenant before God and the Church.

Each member of the couple, in turn, takes the hand of the other and says

In the name of God, I, Mark (June), give myself to you, June (Mark), and take you to myself. I will support and care for you by the grace of God: in times of sickness, in times of health. I will hold and cherish you in the love of Christ: in times of plenty, in times of want. I will honor and love you with the Spirit's help: in times of anguish, in times of joy, forsaking all others, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

Rings are brought before the Priest, who prays using the following words

Priest Let us pray.

Bless, O God, these rings as signs of the enduring covenant June and Mark have made with each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The two people, one after the other, place the rings on the fingers of each other, saying

June (Mark), I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pronouncement

The Presider joins the right hands of the couple and says

Now that June and Mark have exchanged vows of love and fidelity in the presence of God and the Church, I pronounce that they are married and bound to one another as long as they both shall live. *Amen.*

Blessing of the Couple

As the couple stands or kneels, the Priest invokes God's blessing upon them, saying

Let us pray.

Most gracious God, we praise you for the tender mercy and unfailing care revealed to us in Jesus the Christ and for the great joy and comfort bestowed

upon us in the gift of human love. We give you thanks for June and Mark and the covenant of faithfulness they have made. Pour out the abundance of your Holy Spirit upon them. Keep them in your steadfast love; protect them from all danger; fill them with your wisdom and peace; lead them in holy service to each other and the world.

The Priest continues with the following

God, the holy and undivided Trinity, bless, preserve, and keep you, and mercifully grant you rich and boundless grace, that you may please God in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and bring you at last to the delight of the heavenly banquet, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

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 510 St. Agnes

1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

2 See how we trifle here below, fond of these earthly toys:
our souls, how heavily they go, to reach eternal joys.

3 In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

Then all sing the Doxology, H 380, verse 3 Old 100th

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

All are invited to receive Holy Communion.

We pray for these people for whom our prayers have been asked.

Jim	Patty	Maureen	RG	George
Ann	Jill	Greg	Carol	Jim
John	Karen	Janet	Sarah	People of Ukraine
David	Stephen	Kris	Joey	Degeyter family
Jane	Dianne	Philip	Allan	Martha & family
Pat	Kenda			

And for those in the military

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

We pray for all who are travelling this week.

We pray for all who have died, especially Margaret Asher Butz and
Jeffrey McMurtry.

We pray in thanksgiving with Carol and Jim Weathers who celebrate their
anniversary today and with June and Mark Hutson on their wedding day.

Lord, hear the prayers of *thy* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

Hymn S 129

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as they are able, 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant and People then sing

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 701 *Jesu, meine Freude*

1 Jesus, all my gladness, my repose in sadness,
Jesus, heaven to me;
ah, my heart long plaineth, ah, my spirit straineth,
longeth after thee!
Thine I am, O holy Lamb; only where thou art is pleasure,
thee alone I treasure.

2 Hence with earthly treasure: thou art all my pleasure,
Jesus my desire!
Hence, for pomps I care not, e'en as though they were not
rank and fortune's hire.
Want and gloom, cross, death, and tomb; nought that I may suffer ever
shall from Jesus sever.

3 Flee, dark clouds that lower, for my joy-bestower,
Jesus, enters in!
Joy from tribulation, hope from desolation,
they who love God win.
Be it blame or scorn or shame,
thou art with me in earth's sadness,
Jesus, all my gladness.

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 *The Priest says a blessing over the People*

Hymn 637 *Lyons*

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Layreaders— Diane Hays and Sherry Musgrove

Ushers—Sandy Arrington and Margaret Thomas

Acolytes—Jaxon and Grady Gonzales

Vestry Person of the Day—RG Guthrie

Altar Guild—Carol Weathers, Karen Leitch, Linda Myers

Altar flowers are given by Susan Wallace in loving memory of

Barbara and Henry Leckman, married August 4, 1956.

Coffee Hour—Nancy Heuss and Karen Leitch

Please join us in the parish hall following the Eucharist to greet June and Mark.

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 Dianne Williams in the parish office with news or updates.

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As part of God's family, we strive to grow through worship and ministry, sharing Christ's love with our community and beyond. By God's grace we seek to help people find God's purpose for their lives and to make a difference in the world.

Priest-in-Charge	The Reverend Michael Long
Senior Warden	Linda Myers (Term ends 2023)
Junior Warden	Rachel Bryson (2024)
Vestry Member	Diane Langley (2023)
Vestry Member	Margaret Thomas (2023)
Vestry Member	Ryan (RG) Guthrie (2024)
Vestry Member	Sherry Musgrove (2024)
Vestry Member	Deana Geuther (2025)
Vestry Member	David Leitch (2025)
Vestry Member	Susan Wallace (2025)
Treasurer	Diane Hays
Acolyte Directors	David Leitch, RG Guthrie
Music Directors	Otis Maclay, Cranz Nichols
Saint Anne's Guild	Carol Weathers
Altar Guild	Carol Weathers, Diane Hays
Daughters of the King	Sandy Arrington
Sunday School Director	Nancy Heuss
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