



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
BURNET, TEXAS

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 21, 2020



THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 654 *Sumner*

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.

(Repeat one time.)

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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.

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.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; 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 the prophet Jeremiah. (20:7-13)

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69:8-20 *Salvum me fac*

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *

the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, *

and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 "In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help.

- 16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; *
 let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.
- 17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
 neither let the deep swallow me up; *
 do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- 18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; *
 in your great compassion, turn to me.”
- 19 “Hide not your face from your servant; *
 be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me.”

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. (6:1b-11)

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 372 *Leoni*

1 Praise to the living God!
 All praised be his Name
 who was, and is, and is to be,
 for ay the same.
 The one eternal God
 ere aught that now appears:
 the first, the last, beyond all thought
 his timeless years!

2 Formless, all lovely forms
 declare his loveliness;
 holy, no holiness of earth
 can his express.
 Lo, he is Lord of all.
 Creation speaks his praise,
 and everywhere above, below,
 his will obeys.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew. (10.24-39)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

3 His Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will:
in prophet’s word he spake of old:
he speaketh still.
Established is his law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, on land.

4 Eternal life hath he
implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay
while ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be,
for aye the same.

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The Sermon

The Reverend Michael Long

The Nicene Creed

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, Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us, especially Collette Boyd (June 21) and Jim Dyke (June 23) who are celebrating their birthdays, and our fathers, whether living now or alive in our memories.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit and those who confront grave dangers by the nature of their work; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially we pray for

John	Jayden	Ann	Allan	Kenyon	Curtis
Barry	James	Nathan	Marcel	Sarah	Teresa
Morgan	Ginny	Kristy	Matt	Ann	Martha & Larry
Victoria	Dee	Lynne	Ashley	Clay	Barbara
Kaye	Miranda	Ellie	Patty	Janice	Bailey family
Bob	Jackie	Paul	Mark	Tyler	Degeyter family
Richard	Dale	Merle	Lottie	Karen	Bonnie & Ed
Shellie	Leslie	June	Scott	Sherrill	Allison
Katelyn	Mark	Shereese	RG	Bobbie	George
Dianne	Adam & family		Linda	Women in the Hutto facility	

Those in the military, especially for

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

Be with those who travel this week; bring them in safety to their journey's end.

And bestow your grace and love on those for whom we pray now *[the People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, silently or aloud]*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, especially Raymond Whitman, Josh Grace, our fathers who have gone before us, and all who have died from the corona virus; and we commend to your loving care their families and friends who mourn their passing.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that

every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People

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.

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

Welcome to Epiphany, a parish church of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

Our mission: To be 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.

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