



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
BURNET, TEXAS



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 194 *St. Albinus*
Two verses will be played as prelude

1 Jesus lives; thy terrors now
Can, O death, no more appall us;
Jesus lives: by this we know
Thou, O grave, cannot enthrall us.
Alleluia!

3 Jesus lives: our hearts know well
Nought from us his love shall sever;
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

2 Jesus lives: henceforth is death
But the gate to life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!

4 Jesus lives: to him the throne
Over all the world is given:
May we go where he is gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know
your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly
follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. *Amen.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (7:55-60)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and
Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and
the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and
with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the
city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young
man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my
spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin
against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

A reading from the First Letter of Peter. (2:2-10)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner",
and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 484 *Wachet auf* (two verses will be played as a musical interlude)

1 Praise the Lord through every nation;
his holy arm hath wrought salvation;
exalt him on his Father's throne.
Praise your King, ye Christian legions,
who now prepares in heavenly regions
unfailing mansions for his own:
with voice and minstrelsy
extol his majesty:
Allelujah!
His praise shall sound all nature round,
and hymns on every tongue abound.

2 Jesus, Lord, our Captain glorious,
o'er sin, and death, and hell victorious,
wisdom and might to thee belong:
we confess, proclaim, adore thee;
we bow the knee, we fall before thee;
thy love henceforth shall be our song.
The cross meanwhile we bear,
the crown ere long to wear:
Allelujah!
Thy reign extend world without end;
let praise from all to thee ascend.

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John. (14:1-14)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From

now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

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 II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael; for our Bishops Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector; for our Priest Michael; for our Missionary Jeannie; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially for Ginger Weaver , Judy Cervantes Aviles, Elizabeth Nichols, Russ Archibald, and for all who have died from COVID19. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers 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	Sharon
Richard	Dale	Merle	John	Lottie	Karen
Shellie	Leslie	June	Scott	Sherrill	Cynthia
Allison	Linda	Katelyn	Viorel	Lee	Bonnie & Ed
Melissa	Nayanthara	Deepa	Susan	Calvin	Petra
Sarah	Mihai	Luciana	Mark	Swan/White family	
Degeyter family	Women in the Hutto facility				

I ask your prayers for all who serve in the military, especially

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

I ask your prayers for all who of necessity are traveling this week.

I ask your prayers for all who mourn, especially the families of Ginger Weaver, Judy Cervantes Aviles, Josh Almendarez, Elizabeth Nichols, and Russ Archibald.

I ask your thanksgiving for the birthdays of Carol Guthrie (5/12), Roy Heuss (5/12), and Isaiah Montemayor (5/13), and for the anniversary of Melinda and Shon Lovelace (5/13).

I invite your prayers or thanksgivings at this time.

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 adds the following

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Hymn 518 Westminster Abbey
Two verses will be played as postlude

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

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Standing Announcements

- **Layreaders this morning** are Carol and Jim Weathers.
- **Bulletin deadline**—Wednesday, 1:00.
- **LA Care and the Community Kitchen** have ongoing needs. Epiphany maintains the Community Kitchen the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.
- **EStar Newsletter deadline**—Sunday, 7:00 pm. Contact Rufus or Sandy Arrington with news or updates.

Welcome to Epiphany, a parish church of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Guests who have been baptized and are accustomed to receiving Communion in their home church are encouraged to join us in Holy Communion, the real presence of Jesus Christ. Also, please fill out our guest registry in the narthex and join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments after the 10:30 Eucharist.

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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Senior Warden	Deborah Kelley (Term ends 2021)
Junior Warden	JJ Gonzales (2022)
Vestry Member	Ellie Burks (2021)
Vestry Member	Jim Weathers (2021)
Vestry Member	Sandy Arrington (2022)
Vestry Member	Otis Maclay (2022)
Vestry Member	Diane Langley (2023)
Vestry Member	Linda Myers (2023)
Vestry Member	Margaret Thomas (2023)
Treasurer	Diane Hays
Missionary	Jeannie Loving
Acolyte Co-Directors	Bill Drake, Kathleen Broad
Music Directors	Otis Maclay, Mike Kelley
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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