



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
BURNET, TEXAS



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 2020

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 478 *Monk's Gate*
Two verses will be played as prelude

1 Jesus, our mighty Lord,
our strength in sadness,
the Father's conquering Word,
true source of gladness;
your Name we glorify,
O Jesus, throned on high;
you gave yourself
to die for our salvation.

2 Good shepherd of your sheep,
your own defending,
in love your children
keep to life unending.
You are yourself the Way:
lead us then day by day
in your own steps, we pray,
O Lord most holy.

3 Glorious their life who sing,
with glad thanksgiving,
true hymns to Christ the King
in all their living:
all who confess his Name,
come then with hearts aflame;
the God of peace acclaim
as Lord and Savior.

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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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (2:42-47)

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

A reading from the First Letter of Peter. (2:19-25)

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 708 *Sicilian Mariners (two verses will be played as a musical interlude)*

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2 Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!
Thou hast loved us: love us still.

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke. (10:1-10)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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 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	
Russ	Archibald family	Degeyter family		Women in the Hutto facility	

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

James	Eric	Kevin	Jarrod	Jonathan	Bryan
Brian	Trever	Chris	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 family of Sheila Wilson.

I ask your thanksgiving for the birthdays of Ethan Aguilera Long (5/5),
Joe Rose (May 5), and Cesar Arreaza (5/8).

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 hath 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 377 *Old 100th*
Two verses will be played as postlude

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

3 O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.

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Standing Announcements

- **Layreaders this morning** are David Leitch and Rachel Bryson.
- **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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Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Michael Long
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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