



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
BURNET, TEXAS



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 19, 2020

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 175      *Salve festa dies*  
*Two verses will be played as prelude*

*Refrain:*

*Hail thee, festival day!*  
*Blest day that art hallowed forever;*  
*day wherein Christ arose,*  
*breaking the kingdom of death.*

1 Lo, the fair beauty of earth,  
from the death of the winter arising,  
every good gift of the year  
now with its Master returns:  
*Hail thee, festival day! . . .*

2 He who was nailed to the Cross  
is Lord and the Ruler of nature;  
all things created on earth  
sing to the glory of God:  
*Hail thee, festival day! . . .*

3 Daily the loveliness grows,  
adorned with the glory of blossom;  
heaven her gates unbars,  
flinging her increase of light:  
*Hail thee, festival day! . . .*

4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord,  
who art Author of life and creation;  
treading the pathway of death,  
life thou bestowest on all:  
*Hail thee, festival day! . . .*

5 God, the Creator, the Lord,  
who rulest the earth and the heavens,  
guard us from harm without,  
cleanse us from evil within:  
*Hail thee, festival day! . . .*

6 Jesus, the health of the world,  
enlighten our our minds, thou Redeemer,  
Son of the Father supreme,  
only begotten of God.  
*Hail thee, festival day! . . .*

7 Spirit of life and of power,  
now flow in us, fount of our being,  
light that dost lighten all,  
life that in all dost abide:  
*Hail thee, festival day! . . .*

8 Praise to the Giver of good!  
Thou Love who art author of concord,  
Pour out thy balm on our souls,  
order our ways in thy peace:

*Hail thee, festival day! . . .*  
*Blest day that art hallowed forever;*  
*day wherein Christ arose,*  
*breaking the kingdom of death.*

*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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 Acts of the Apostles. (2:14a,22-32)**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death,

because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 16** *Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**A reading from the First Letter of Peter. (1:3-9)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 178 Alleluia No. 1 (two verses will be played as a musical interlude)**

1 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

4 We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever. Refrain.

2 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. Refrain.

5 God has proclaimed the just reward:  
Life for all men, alleluia! Refrain.

3 Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain.

6 Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. Refrain.

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*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John. (20.19-31)

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*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, Hector, and Kai; 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	Melissa	Ann	Allan	Kenyon
Barry	James	Nathan	Marcel	Sarah	Teresa
Lloyd	Sharon	Morgan	Ginny	Kristy	Matt
Ann	Mark	Victoria	Dee	Lynne	Ashley
Clay	Barbara	Miranda	Tom	Ellie	Patty
Kaye	Janice	Bob	Jackie	David	Mark
Tyler	Sharon	Richard	Dale	Merle	John
Shellie	Leslie	June	Scott	Sherrill	Allison
Curtis	Lottie	Karen	Linda	Katelyn	Shereese
Cynthia	Viorel	Lee	Bonnie & Ed		Bailey family
Nayanthara	Degeyter family		Martha & Larry		Paul
Women in the Hutto facility			Victims of child abuse		Melissa

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

James	Eric	Kevin	Brian	Jonathan	Bryan
Jarrold	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 birthday of June Hutson (April 21).

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*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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** *The People respond:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Hymn 186      *Christ lag in Todesbanden*  
*Two verses will be played as postlude*

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands,  
for our offenses given;  
but now at God's right hand he stands  
and brings us life from heaven;  
therefore let us joyful be  
and sing to God right thankfully  
loud songs of hallelujah. Hallelujah!

It was a strange and dreadful strife  
when life and death contended;  
the victory remained with life,  
the reign of death was ended;  
Holy Scripture plainly saith  
that death is swallowed up by death,  
his sting is lost forever. Hallelujah!

Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,  
whom God so freely gave us;  
he died on the accursed tree—  
so strong his love!—to save us.  
See, his blood doth mark our door;  
faith points to it, death passes o'er,  
and Satan cannot harm us. Hallelujah!

So let us keep the festival  
whereto the Lord invites us;  
Christ is himself the Joy of all,  
the Sun that warms and lights us.  
By his grace he doth impart  
eternal sunshine to the heart;  
the night of sin is ended. Hallelujah!

Then let us feast this joyful day  
on Christ, the bread of heaven;  
the Word of grace hath purged away  
the old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed,  
he is our meat and drink indeed;  
faith lives upon no other. Hallelujah!

### Standing Announcements

- **Bulletin deadline**—Wednesday, 1:00.
- **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.
- **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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Vestry Member	Sandy Arrington (2022)
Vestry Member	Otis Maclay (2022)
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Vestry Member	Linda Myers (2023)
Vestry Member	Margaret Thomas (2023)
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