



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
BURNET, TEXAS



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 17, 2020

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 405      *Royal Oak*  
*Two verses will be played as prelude*

*Refrain:*

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors,  
he made their tiny wings. (*Refrain*)

2 The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. (*Refrain*)

3 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one. (*Refrain*)

4 He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. (*Refrain*)

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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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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. (17:22-31)**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world

judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 66:7-18** *Jubilate Deo*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
    and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
    you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
    you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
    we went through fire and water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
    and will pay you my vows, \*  
    which I promised with my lips  
    and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
    with the smoke of rams; \*  
    I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
    and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
    and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
    the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
    he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
    nor withheld his love from me.

**A reading from the First Letter of Peter.** (3:13-22)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 488** *Slane (two verses will be played as a musical interlude)*

1 The great Creator of the worlds,  
the sovereign God of heaven,  
his holy and immortal truth  
to all on earth hath given.

2 He sent no angel of his host  
to bear this mighty word,  
but him through whom the worlds were made,  
the everlasting Lord.

3 He sent him not in wrath and power,  
but grace and peace to bring;  
in kindness, as a king might send  
his son, himself a king.

4 He sent him down as sending God;  
in flesh to us he came;  
as one with us he dwelt with us,  
and bore a human name.

5 He came as Savior to his own,  
the way of love he trod;  
he came to win us by good will,  
for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all  
their truest life to find,  
in love God sent his Son to save,  
not to condemn mankind.

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*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John. (14:15-21)

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*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 Judy Cervantes Aviles, Elizabeth Nichols, Russ Archibald, John Myers, 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	Lottie	Karen	Swan/White family
Shellie	Leslie	June	Scott	Sherrill	Shereese
Allison	Linda	Katelyn	Viorel	Lee	Bonnie & Ed
Melissa	Deepa	Susan	Calvin	Petra	Carl
Sarah	Mihai	Luciana	Mark	Anna	Fevan
Jackie	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 are traveling this week.

I ask your prayers for all who mourn, especially the families of Judy Cervantes Aviles, Josh Almendarez, Elizabeth Nichols, Russ Archibald, and John Myers (father of Lee and Linda).

I ask your thanksgiving for the birthdays of Elizabeth Drake (5/17), John Mather (5/17), and Shanette Dorman (5/20), and for the anniversary of Emily and Carcy Clinton (5/17).

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*

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 400      *Lasst uns erfreuen*  
*Two verses will be played as postlude*

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,  
stars nightly shining, find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way;  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 All you with mercy in your heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing now: Alleluia!  
All you that pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God, and cast on him your care:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 And even you, most gentle death,  
waiting to hush our final breath,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
You lead back home the child of God,  
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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### Standing Announcements

- **Layreaders this morning** are Linda and Jim Dyke.
- **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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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
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Music Directors	Otis Maclay, Mike Kelley
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Altar Guild	Carol Weathers, Diane Hays
Daughters of the King	Sandy Arrington
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