



Epiphany **EPISCOPAL**  **CHURCH**
God Loves You. No Exceptions.



Eastertide

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year B
Rogation Sunday
youth-focused service

May 5, 2024

10:00 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Jiji Park

Processional Hymn

Peace, Salaam, Shalom

Pat Humphries & Sandy O

This song was written in 2001 after the events of 9/11 and was sung in the days following at peace rallies as part of the anti-war movement in Washington, D.C. and New York.

The words are simple: Peace sung in English, Arabic (السلام) and Hebrew (שלום).

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Please remain standing.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

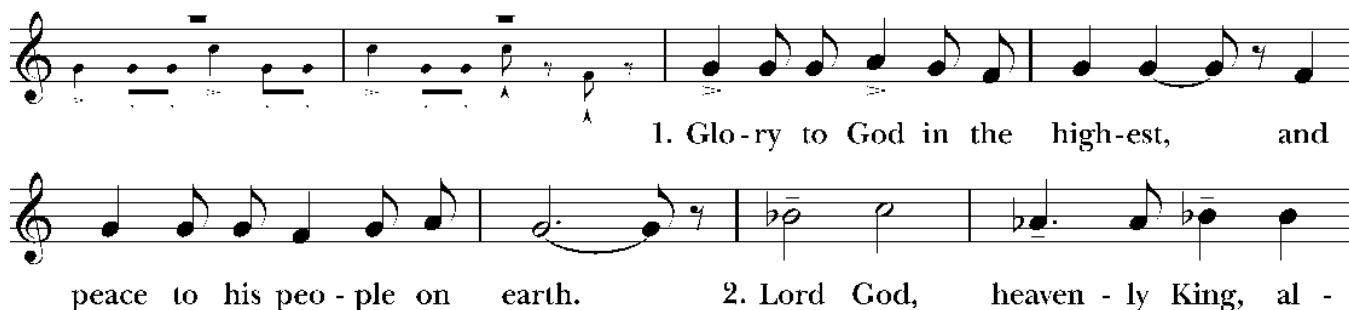
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria

Hymnal S278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Salutation

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.**

The Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

The congregation sits.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand when those on the altar stand.

Sequence Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal 529

Please remain standing until invited to sit.

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

People: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Message

The Reverend Dina E. Widlake

A brief silence follows the sermon.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand as able.

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Closing Collect (*Celebrant*)

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Congregation may be seated.

Celebrant: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S128

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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The people remain standing or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When

our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy

people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant continues

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S154

All:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor:

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.

All:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The gifts of God;

People: We are the people of God;

Celebrant: Behold who you are, become what you receive. **Amen.**

Those drawn to the Lord's Table are welcome to receive Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, signal by crossing your arms across your chest. If you require a gluten free wafer, indicate that when you come forward. If you want to know more about the connection between Communion and Baptism, we welcome your questions!

Communion Hymns

Now the green blade riseth

Hymnal 204

One Bread, One Body

LEVAS 151

One bread, — one bod-y, —
 — one Lord of all, — one cup of
 bless - ing which we bless. — And we, — though
 man - y, — through-out the earth, — We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one Lord.

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

D.S.

1. — no more. One
 2. — of all. One
 3. — for all. One

⊕ **CODA**

Lord.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant offers words of blessing.

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn Lord, whose love through humble service Hymnal 610

The Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Jiji Park

Life of Epiphany

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TODAY AT EPIPHANY

- 9:15 AM Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults (Room 120)
- 10:00 AM Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist (Nave and Online)
- 11:00 AM Fellowship Hour (Narthex)
- 11:15 AM Joyful Noise Children's Choir (Room 120)

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- May 7 and every day Lend Someone a Helping Hand
- May 7 Food Pantry Distribution, 4:00 PM (at Community of Faith UMC)
- May 8 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM (Nave)
- May 9 Buildings & Grounds Meeting, 6:30 PM (Room 146 and Zoom)
- May 9 Admin/Operations/Finance Meeting, 7:00 PM (Room 146 and Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 12 Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM (Room 120)
- May 12 Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM (Nave and Online)
- May 12 Sunday School (children's formation), 10:00 AM
- May 12 Fellowship Hour, 11:00 AM
- May 12 Joyful Noise Children's Choir, 11:15 AM (Room 120)
- May 12 Sunday Circle (youth formation), (Room 130)

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Welcome Guests and Visitors

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13).

We have been blessed by your presence with us in worship and hope you have felt blessed by your time with us. However strong or tender your faith, hope, and love are, you have an open invitation to join us. We hope to have a chance to get to know you. If you complete a newcomer's welcome card (located in the chair rack in front of you), you can place it in the offertory plate or give it to the clergy as you leave. Alternatively, you can call or email us: 703-466-5200, clergy@EpiphanyEC.org



Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).

Please pray for: Alexa; Allen; Ann; Annie & Richard; Bill & Cindy; Brian & Eddie; Camille; Carolyn; Carrie; Catherine, Anne & Family; Charlotte & Family; Baby Chaz, Jasmine & Cobe; Clara & Clyde; David; Dinah & Bob; Donna; Ellen; Fred & Hillary; George & Joanne; Hazel & Family; Hesham (Sam) & Family; Jack & Chris; Jack & Family; Jane & Elizabeth; Janie, Bill & Family; Jim; Johanna; John; John & Family; Joshua; Kay & Family; Laura & Bob; Maddi & Family; Maggie; Mary; Mike & Family; Molly; Pam; Patty, Mark & Brian; Rachel & TJ; Rhonda; Roy & Mickey; Steve, Miranda & Family; Susan & Family; Tim's Family and Vanessa Joy, Kyle and Children.

Names remain on the prayer list for 6 weeks. Please contact prayers@EpiphanyEC.org if they can be removed sooner or if they need to be added again.

*As part of the Virginia Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, this week we pray for **St. Paul's, Haymarket**. We at Epiphany pray each week also for those who have suffered hurt and loss; who grieve and are impacted by any illness of body, mind, and spirit. We pray for all who suffer or spread violence of any kind. We pray for those that know food insecurity, homelessness and experience natural disasters. We pray for those who cannot safely practice their faith in freedom and suffer oppression of any kind. And we pray for those beginning new lives in new communities; may they be welcomed warmly and supported well.*

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