



Epiphany, Art Enrico, 2011

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
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February 23, 2025

10:00 a.m.

YOU
welcomed
ME

WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to Epiphany Episcopal Church, Oak Hill (Herndon)! What a blessing to have you worship with us today.

If you join us today as a visitor, we hope you depart as a friend. We invite you to complete the information card in the pews. You can place the completed card in the offering plate, give it to an usher, or give it to the clergy following the service and we will reach out to say hello.

We welcome and enjoy children at worship. We are grateful for their wonder and excitement. Share with them what you notice throughout the service and celebrate their exuberance with us.

In a fraught and harsh world, we hope your time with us fills you with a sense of your worth and deep welcome. May any part of your life that aches and seeks comfort find it in the ways we seek, with God's help, to make known God's presence, power, and abiding love.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dina E. Widlake" followed by a small cross symbol.

Dina E. Widlake, Rector

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Jeanie Park

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord
verses 1,3 and 4

Hymnal 390

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Please remain standing.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

People: And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

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 S236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and
highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty,
glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly
exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt
you for ever.

Salutation

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

The congregation sits.

Thus says the Lord:

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: The Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evil | doers; *
do not be jealous of those who do | wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the | grass, *
and like the green grass fade a | way.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do | good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its | riches.
- 4 Take delight in the | LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's de | sire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in | him, *
and he will bring it to | pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the | light *
and your just dealing as the | noonday.
- 7 Be still before the | LORD *
and wait patiently for | him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who | prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil | schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage a | lone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to | evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut | off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the | land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no | more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be | there.

- 12 But the lowly shall possess the | land; *
they will delight in abundance of | peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the | LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of | trouble.
- 42 The LORD will help them and | rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in | him.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader: The Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand when those on the altar stand.

Sequence Hymn

Lord make us servants
verses 1,3,4 and 5

Hymnal 593

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Dina E. Widlake

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

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 you are able.

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

Celebrant closes prayers with a Collect.

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is held before the start of the confession

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Congregation may be seated.

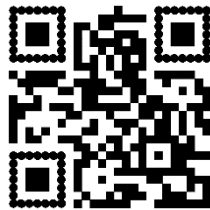
Offertory Music

Abide with Me

Jeanie Park, piano

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The Holy Communion

The congregation stands when the offerings are being presented.

Presentation Hymn

Doxology
verse 3

Hymnal 380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Inclusive language, approved via Resolution D078, 2018

The congregation remains standing.

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift our hearts to God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Maker of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S130

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. Through Mary's Holy Child, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. You have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Dear One; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, gather all things into the circle of Christ's love, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ, * the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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

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.

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 or prayer, signal by crossing your arms across your chest. If you require a gluten free wafer, indicate that when you come forward.



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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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, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant offers the blessing.

Recessional Hymn

I come with joy

Hymnal 304

The Dismissal

Words of dismissal offered.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jeanie Park

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TODAY AT EPIPHANY

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

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

February 24 Parish Life Meeting, 7:00 PM (Zoom)
February 25 Food Pantry Distribution, 4:00 PM (at Community of Faith)
February 26 Epiphany Night at Piero's Corner, 6:30 PM
February 26 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM (Nave)

LOOKING AHEAD

March 2 Sunday Sing, 9:15 AM, (Room 120)
March 2 Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10 AM (Nave and Online)
March 2 Joyful Noise, 11:15 AM (Room 120)
March 2 Children, Youth and Family Ministry Meeting, 11:15 AM (Room 130)
March 2 Master Singers of Virginia Concert, 4:00 PM (Nave)

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is
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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: Allen; Breanna & Family; Brian & Eddie; Carolyn & Family; Chuck & Ellen; Clara & Family; Craig; Dana; Diana; Dick; Dinah & Bob; Don; Ellie & Family; Ethan T., Family & Med Team; Fred & Hillary; Hazel & Family; Hesham (Sam) & Family; Jeanie's Mother & Father; Jim; John; John & Family; Joshua; Kaitlyn; Kristie's Husband and Children; Laura & Bob; Lima & Family; Maddi & Family; Maria; Mary; Moya; Nadia & Family; Patricia's Family; Patty, Mark & Brian; Paul & Linda; Poindexter Family; Rick & Sherry; Roy & Mickey; Ruth & Tim; Sandee; Sara & Family; Sarah & Med Team; Shirley & Family; and Steve, Miranda & Family.

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 ***Abingdon, White Marsh and St. Mary's, Arlington***. 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, homeless 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.

The ministries and ministers of the Church are supported by the vestry, clergy, and staff of this parish.

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