

# THE SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

10:30 A.M.



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# GOD'S BLESSINGS AND PEACE FOR THIS EPIPHANY SEASON!!

Please join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation in the Parish Hall, after the service.

Please preserve the sanctity of the worship area by keeping lengthy conversations to the Parish Hall.

Maintain a quiet, contemplative space in the worship and narthex area.



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Prelude Organ

Processional Hymn (See Hymnboard or Insert)

### Welcome

The Opening Sentence The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

### The Collect for Purity

**Celebrant:** 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.**

The Gloria (sung) Hymnal S-280

*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.*

Communion Music (see Hymn Board or Insert)

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant and people:**

*Almighty and ever-living 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 BCP 339

**Celebrant:**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and each of you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Recessional (see hymn board or insert)

Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude Organ

## The Lord's Prayer


BCP 364

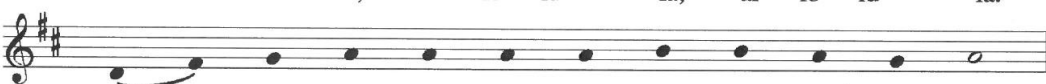


And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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

Hymnal S-154/BCP 364

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

People:   
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Draw near, *either in spirit or in person*, and receive them in remembrance that Christ died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(All persons are welcome to come to Jesus' table for Communion or a Blessing.)*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** ***And also with you.***

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

*(see reading insert)*

**The First Lesson - Old Testament**

**Reader:** A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_

*(see reading insert)*

*After the reading:*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm**

*(see reading insert)*

**The Second Lesson - The New Testament**

*(see reading insert)*

**Reader:** A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_

*After the reading:*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** ***Thanks be to God.***

**The Gospel Hymn**

**(See Hymnboard or Insert)**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

**People:** ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

**The Gospel**

*(see reading insert)*

*After the Gospel is read:*

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**The Gospel Hymn**

**(See Hymnboard or Insert)**

## The Sermon

Fr. Steve Karcher

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand, if you are able)*

BCP 358

***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 I

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

***“Lord have Mercy.”***

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord have mercy.***

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### ***Celebrant and People***

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

### ***The Celebrant continues***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

**The Sanctus (sung)**

**Hymnal S-130**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, 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 Prayer of Consecration**

**BCP 362**

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

**Celebrant:**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

For this city, Killeen, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of St. Christopher and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

**For Peace**

**BCP 815**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**Collect for a Pandemic**

O Healer of all creation, strengthen us so that we may lay our fears and worries at the foot of thy throne. As we work through our days, facing the challenge of COVID, we ask that you shine your light on those who we've lost, those who are ill, those who are at risk, and those who deny the risk. Share with us, Father, your endurance and ingenuity. Give us wisdom and, as we make tough decisions, help us to redeem that which we have lost...our time, our plans, our resources and hopes...and turn this COVID chaos into heavenly order, for our sake and for the sake of your holy Kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

