



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE

EPIPHANY

October 11, 2020

**The Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Ante-Communion Rite II

The People's responses are in bold.

Officiant: The Rev. Marianna Gronek

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Music: Charly Spining and Mary Anne Bruner

Preacher: Vaughan Winborne

Voluntary
Meditation

George Blake (1912-1986)

He Is King of Kings

Lift Every Voice and Sing 96

He is King of kings, He is Lord of Lords;

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. It begins with a repeat sign and a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics are: "He is King of kings, He is Lord of Lords;"

Je - sus Christ, the first and last_ no man works like Him. He is

The second system continues the melody. It includes a first ending bracket labeled "1." above the final measure of the system. The lyrics are: "Je - sus Christ, the first and last_ no man works like Him. He is"

no man works like Him. 1. He built his throne up in the air_ 2. I was but young when I be - gun_

The third system includes a second ending bracket labeled "2.3.4." above the first measure and a "Fine" marking above the second measure. The lyrics are: "no man works like Him. 1. He built his throne up in the air_ 2. I was but young when I be - gun_"

no man works like Him; 1. And called the saints from 2. But now my race is

The fourth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "no man works like Him; 1. And called the saints from 2. But now my race is"

1. ev - 'er where no man works like Him. He is
 2. al - most won

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Welcome Prayer

Holy Spirit, living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us at Epiphany. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let our hearts be a place of love and acceptance of all your children; in the name of your child our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Word of God

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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 Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lessons

Isaiah 25:1-9

Common English Bible

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Lord, you are my God. I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, planned long ago, faithful and sure. You have turned the city into rubble, the fortified town into a ruin, the fortress of foreigners into a city no more, never to be rebuilt. Therefore, strong people will glorify you; the towns of tyrant nations will fear you. You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in distress, a hiding place from the storm, a shade from the heat. When the breath of tyrants is like a winter storm or like heat in the desert, you subdue the roar of foreigners. Like heat shaded by a cloud, the tyrants' song falls silent. On this mountain, the Lord of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined. He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples, the shroud enshrouding all nations. He will swallow up death forever. The Lord God will wipe tears from every face; he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth, for the Lord has spoken. They will say on that day, "Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited—and he has saved us! This is the Lord, for whom we have waited; let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Common English Bible

Reader Please join with me in reading the Psalm for today.

The Lord is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

He lets me rest in grassy meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

he keeps me alive.

He guides me in proper paths

for the sake of his good name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—

they protect me.

You set a table for me

right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;

my cup is so full it spills over!

Yes, goodness and faithful love

will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live in the Lord's house

as long as I live.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14 CEB

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn't want to come. Again he sent other servants and said to them, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Look, the meal is all prepared. I've butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything's ready. Come to the wedding party!"' But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them. "The king was angry. He sent his

soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren't worthy. Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.' "Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn't wearing wedding clothes. He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' But he was speechless. Then the king said to his servants, 'Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.' "Many people are invited, but few people are chosen."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Vaughan Winborne

Nicene Creed

Deacon **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

Litany of Solidarity and Hope During a Pandemic. Written by Joseph P. Shadle, Prayers during the coronavirus pandemic, Xavier University

Reader For those who are sick.
For those with chronic illnesses and underlying health concerns.
For all those who are suffering.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who are unemployed.
For those suffering financial hardships.
For those who face an uncertain future.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who are suffering from physical or emotional abuse.
For those who are disproportionately suffering because of societal structures and unjust policies.
For those who are struggling with physical or mental disabilities.
For those who are overwhelmed by anxiety and stress.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who are dying.
For those who have died while saving the lives of others.
For all who have lost their lives.
For those who have survived.
For those who have lost their spouses.
For children who have been orphaned.
For all those who mourn and those who comfort them.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For firefighters, police, and emergency medical workers.
For doctors, nurses, and all health care professionals.
For those who serve in the armed forces.
For public officials. For business leaders.

For educators. For innovators and inventors who provide new solutions.

For Deacons, Priests, and Bishops.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader

For peace in our city and in our world.

For renewed friendships among neighbors.

For solidarity and unity among all peoples.

For a greater appreciation and love of all humanity.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader

For patience and perseverance.

For calm in the midst of fear.

For the grace to overcome adversity.

For generosity of spirit. For hope in times of despair.

For light in the darkness.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest

Gracious and Loving God, You are our comforter and our hope.

Hear our prayers as we come before you. Strengthen us in this time of need. Inspire us to acts of solidarity and generosity and give us hope of a brighter future.

Amen. (*Adapted from a prayer by Joseph P. Shadle*)

Confession of Sin

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer

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

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Deacon Let us join together in the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

All **Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.**

May my food and drink be your body and blood.

May your passion and death be my strength and life.

Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.

Let me not run from the love which you offer

But hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.

Keep calling to me until that day comes

When, with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.

(1989 Anglican Church of South Africa Prayer book)

Final Blessing

Priest Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things; and may our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer bless your thinking and your doing. **Amen.**

(Adapted from Phil. 4:8)

Dismissal

Deacon *Dismissal of their choice.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

1982 Hymnal 487



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

Voluntary

Postlude in C minor

George Blake (1912-1986)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Coffee Hour: Starting this week we will be offering the virtual version of Coffee Hour at 10:30am right after the morning worship service! Coffee and Chat will be an informal way to pop in and have a chat with your church community! You can join the Zoom gathering with by entering the meeting ID: 989 0659 2488 and then the Password: 618030

Blessing of the Animals: Please join us today in the Labyrinth Biblical Garden at 3 pm. Please wear a mask, as this will be a socially distant event. One way entry will be from the gate on Elm St., and one way exit through the opposite gate off the parking lot. All your furred, feathered, fanged, hooped, and scaled friends are invited!

TUESDAY HEALING AND HOLY EUCHARIST: Weather permitting, in-person Healing and Holy Eucharist services are being held each Tuesday at 12:15 pm in the Labyrinth Biblical Garden. Come to the outdoor service, wearing your face mask and maintaining social distance. If in doubt about the weather, please check our homepage at epiphanyaz.org.

GRAB A BOOK & MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Open Doors: Art in Action Book Club is reading *The Man in the Dog Park: Coming Up Close to Homelessness* by local author, Cathy Small. Cathy will lead a discussion on the book via zoom on Monday, November 9th at 6 PM. The book may be purchased at Bright Side Bookshop (18 N. San Francisco St. (928) 440-5041) or via amazon in Kindle and Audiobook versions. Contact Kathy Deasy if you have any questions! (928) 606-3410 or kathydeasy77@gmail.com

The Forward Day by Day for November, December, and January have arrived.. They are now available in the church office. If you are unable to come and obtain one, please notify the office and it will be mailed to you.

OPEN DOORS: ART IN ACTION goes virtual with our new exhibit Through an Open Lens: Reframing Homelessness and Hunger! This exhibit is a powerful look at hunger and homelessness by renowned photographers, Michael Collier and Amy Martin. The newly designed website, created by Vincent Caranchini, MFA of the School of Art at NAU, and members of the Art in Action committee, went live on September 16, 2020 at www.opendoorsartinaction.org. Viewers are able to get close up to clients of the Family Food Center and the Flagstaff Shelter Services and gain a glimpse into their lives through bits of their personal stories. Each month, a new offering will be added to augment the exhibit in the form of videos and discussions. Please support our effort to bring attention to these important agencies and to this Epiphany ministry to our community.

Flagstaff Shelter Services: Due to the continued use of by-night hotel rooms, and extra staffing, in order to support between 150 - 250 people/night, the Flagstaff Shelter Services request our financial help. Please prayerfully consider a contribution for FSS for them to carry on the good work they are doing in Flagstaff. Mailing address: Flagstaff Shelter Services, P.O. Box 1808, Flagstaff AZ 86002.