



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
EPIPHANY

October 18, 2020

**The Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost**

Ante-Communion Rite II

The People's responses are in bold.

Officiant: The Rev. Marianna Gronek

Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Dcn. Scott Deasy

Music: Charly Spining and Mary Anne Bruner

Reader: Betsy Suter

Voluntary

Choral Improvisation in G Major

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Rock of Ages

'82 Hymnal 685

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

Welcome Prayer

All **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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

Exodus 33:12-23

CEB

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses said to the Lord, “Look, you’ve been telling me, ‘Lead these people forward.’ But you haven’t told me whom you will send with me. Yet you’ve assured me, ‘I know you by name and think highly of you.’ Now if you do think highly of me, show me your ways so that I may know you and so that you may really approve of me. Remember too that this nation is your people.”

The Lord replied, “I’ll go myself, and I’ll help you.”

Moses replied, “If you won’t go yourself, don’t make us leave here. Because how will anyone know that we have your special approval, both I and your people, unless you go with us? Only that distinguishes us, me and your people, from every other people on the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I’ll do exactly what you’ve asked because you have my special approval, and I know you by name.”

Moses said, “Please show me your glorious presence.”

The Lord said, “I’ll make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I’ll proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord.’ I will be kind to whomever I wish to be kind, and I will have compassion to whomever I wish to be compassionate. But,” the Lord said, “you can’t see my face because no one can see me and live.” The Lord said, “Here is a place near me where you will stand beside the rock. As my glorious presence passes by, I’ll set you in a gap in the rock, and I’ll cover you with my hand until I’ve passed by. Then I’ll take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face won’t be visible.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

CEB

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

The Lord rules—

the nations shake!

He sits enthroned on the winged heavenly creatures—

the earth quakes!

The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them thank your great and awesome name.

He is holy!

Strong king who loves justice,

you are the one who established what is fair.

You worked justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Magnify the Lord, our God!

Bow low at his footstool!

He is holy!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel too among those who called on his name.

They cried out to the Lord, and he himself answered them—

he spoke to them from a pillar of cloud.

They kept the laws and the rules God gave to them.

Lord our God, you answered them.

To them you were a God who forgives

but also the one who avenged their wrong deeds.

Magnify the Lord our God!

Bow low at his holy mountain

because the Lord our God is holy!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22 CEB

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

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

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words.
They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him.

“Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are genuine and that you teach God’s way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people’s opinions, because you don’t show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, “Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax.” And they brought him a denarion. “Whose image and inscription is this?” he asked. “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Scott Deasy

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.

People **Amen.** (*Adapted from the 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.

People **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.

People **Amen.** *(Adapted from Phil. 4:8)*

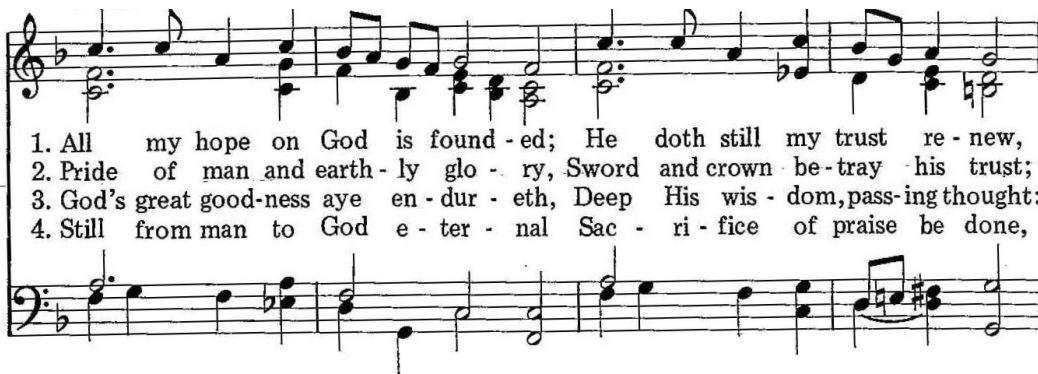
Dismissal

Deacon *Dismissal of their choice.*

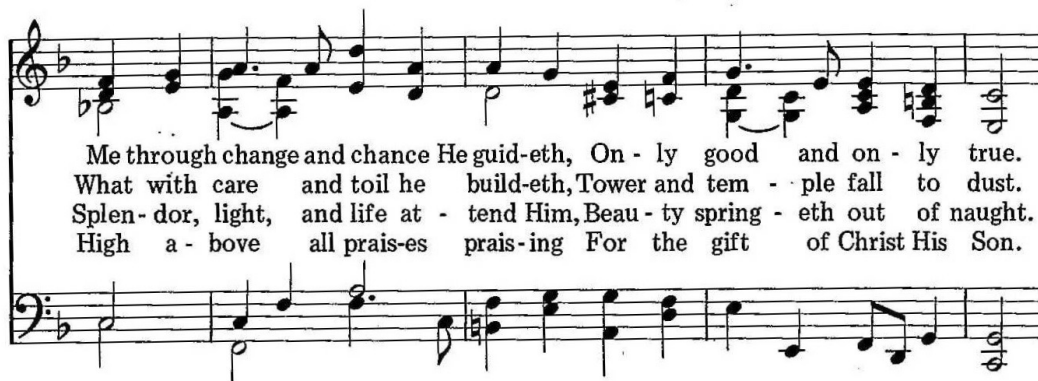
People **Thanks be to God.**

All my hope on God is founded

'82 Hymnal 665, v 1-3



1. All my hope on God is found-ed; He doth still my trust re-new,
2. Pride of man and earth-ly glo-ry, Sword and crown be-tray his trust;
3. God's great good-ness aye en-dur-eth, Deep His wis-dom, pass-ing thought:
4. Still from man to God e-ter-nal Sac-ri-fice of praise be done,



Me through change and chance He guid-eth, On-ly good and on-ly true.
What with care and toil he build-eth, Tower and tem-ple fall to dust.
Splendor, light, and life at-tend Him, Beau-ty spring-eth out of naught.
High a-bove all prais-es prais-ing For the gift of Christ His Son.



God un-known, He a-lone Calls my heart to be His own.
But God's power, hour by hour, Is my tem-ple and my tower.
Love doth stand at His hand; Joy doth wait on His com-mand.
Christ doth call one and all: Ye who fol-low shall not fall.

Voluntary

Choral Improvisation in A Major

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Generosity: Rooted in Faith Stewardship Campaign: You should have received a mailing which included a brochure, Estimate of Giving card/envelope, and a letter from the committee. Please prayerfully consider your giving for 2021, and either mail to the office at 423 N. Beaver St., or drop it off at the church through the mail slot in the office door. Many thanks to Vaughan for his sermon last week and Scott's this week!

2021 Budget: If you are a ministry leader with a budgeted line amount in the church budget, please submit your 2021 budget request to Vaughan Winborne and Kathy Deasy. The Finance Committee will soon begin working on next year's budget, and we want to ensure our ministries have a voice in the process!

All Saints Sunday: Please contact Sally in the church office at office@epiphanyaz.org to add the names of your loved ones who have died in 2020 to our necrology during worship.

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.

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.

Fall Periodical: The second installment of our new quarterly periodical is fresh off the press! Be sure to check it out [HERE!](#)

Virtual Coffee Hour: We are offering a virtual version of Coffee Hour at **10:30am** right after the Sunday morning worship service! If you join at **10:00am** we will be watching the service together. Coffee and Chat is an informal way to pop in and have a chat with your church community! You can join the Zoom gathering by clicking [HERE](#) or entering the Meeting ID: **989 0659 2488**. The Password for the gathering is: **618030**

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 requests 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. Thank you.

Giving Thanks: This week we give thanks for Charly and Mary Anne for the Second Saturday Sing-A-Long, our Convention Delegates, those working on the bathroom remodels, and those who helped to get church communications out this week.