



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024 - 10:00am

Epiphany Parish

Rite II

We gather with joy in the power of Jesus' name, to care for one another and to include all people through our fellowship, education & outreach.

Let the little children come to me ...
it is to such as these that the
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



The Prelude

Opening Hymn

Sunday School Song

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has made.

'This is the Day'

The Word of God

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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The Gloria

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The Collect (in unison) Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and

whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

Domine, Dominus noster

- ¹ O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- ² Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- ³ You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- ⁴ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁵ What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- ⁶ You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- ⁷ You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- ⁸ All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- ⁹ The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- ¹⁰ O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made

purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

The Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the

kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon

The Rev Christen H Mills

The Nicene Creed

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The Peace

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

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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.

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymn

Post Communion Prayer

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Welcome & Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing for October

For a Birthday - O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Anniversary - O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may continue to love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For Thanksgiving and Celebration - *Adapted from the prayer 'For Joy in God's Creation' in the BCP*

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty:
Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works;
that, by celebrating together with these your servants
and rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve
you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all
things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

The Dismissal

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