



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Epiphany Parish

July 26, 2026 – 9:00am

Rite I



*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.*

The Prelude

Opening Hymn

H#11 Awake, my soul

The Word of God

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

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy
holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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The Gloria (spoken)

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The Collect of the Day (*in unison*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so
pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should
give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my
father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in
uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and
have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your

servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 119:129-136

- ¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- ¹³⁰ When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
- ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- ¹³² Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- ¹³³ Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- ¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- ¹³⁵ Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The Epistle Reading

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed

to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

H#404 We will extol you

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be

weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Christen H. Mills

The Nicene Creed

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The Peace

Offertory Hymn

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Communion Hymn

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The Blessing

Welcome & Announcements

Closing Hymn

H#423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

The Dismissal

Invitation for Spiritual Communion

This prayer is a personal prayer that you can say when you desire communion but are unable to receive the sacrament. Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

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