

THE  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH IN  
ALMADEN

*Welcome!*

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

5 February 2012

The Reverend Kate Flexer, Rector



*Coyote tracks*

We welcome  
all newcomers  
and visitors  
with us today!

Our liturgy is taken from  
the 1979 Book of Com-  
mon Prayer (BCP) and  
*Enriching Our Worship*.  
Music can be found in  
the blue 1982 Hymnal.

Please silence  
cell phones.

## THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

*Winter, 2nd movement*

Vivaldi

Opening Hymn

*O bless the Lord, my soul*

(vs. 1,2,5,6) 1982: 411

### Announcements and Recognitions

#### Opening Sentences

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

#### Collect for Purity

### Gloria

John Rutter



Glo-ry to God in the high- est, \_\_\_\_\_ and peace to his peo-ple on earth. \_\_\_\_\_



Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa- ther, \_\_\_\_\_ we wor - ship



you, - we give you thanks, we praise you for\_ your glo-ry. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord



Je-sus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ on-ly Son of the Fa- ther, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: \_\_\_\_\_ have mer-cy on us; \_\_\_\_\_ you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa- ther: \_\_\_\_\_ re-ceive our prayer. \_\_\_\_\_ For you a - lone are the



Ho-ly One, \_\_\_\_\_ you a - lone are the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, \_\_\_\_\_



in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

## Prayer of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?  
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;  
who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.  
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.  
To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.  
Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.  
Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God"?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

***Please be seated for the first scripture readings.***

*Isaiah assures the people in the Babylonian exile that God controls the grand sweep of history and cares about the situation of all God's people.*

*This is the second of five psalms that end the Psalter, telling us to praise God for all God does for us.*

**Psalm 147:1-12, 21c**     *The psalm is chanted, led by the choir.*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
  - 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
  - 3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.
  - 4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.
  - 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
  - 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly,\*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
  - 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
  - 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
  - 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
  - 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
  - 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
  - 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 21c Hallelujah!

*Paul wants to remove every obstacle to belief in others.*

### **Second Lesson**

### **1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

*Reader*     Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

**(vs.1,2,3) 1982: 135**

## The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

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

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

Jesus left the synagogue at Capernaum, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Kate Flexer

## Nicene Creed

**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.**

*Please stand for the  
hymn and the Gospel  
reading. We stand out of  
respect for Jesus' life  
and teaching.*

*Jesus' true nature cannot  
be understood without his  
death and resurrection.  
Many wanted to follow  
him for his miracles, but  
they fled when the suffer-  
ing began.*

*Please stand.*

*The Creed is an ancient  
statement of the faith  
of the church.*

**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.**

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*The prayer leader includes specific prayers in the form. Prayer requests can be noted on the clipboard on the stand near the main stairs into the church.*

**Prayers of the People**

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
People **That we all may be one.**  
Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**  
Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**  
Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**  
Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**  
Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**  
Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.  
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**  
Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*All are invited to offer their own prayers, either aloud or silently.  
The Celebrant concludes with prayer.*

**Confession**

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**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.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

**The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory

*Praise Him! People of God*

Wilmington

*All stand*

## Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Enriching Our Worship

**All may stand or kneel  
throughout the  
Eucharistic prayer.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing:

## Sanctus

1982: S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*All*            **Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*All*            **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant*    We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People*        **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*The Celebrant invites the people forward to receive communion:*

*Celebrant*    The Gifts of God for the people of God.

**Communion Music**      *Please join in singing the communion songs*

*As longs the deer for cooling streams*

**1982: 658**

*O for a closer walk with God*

**1982: 683**

### **Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

*If communion is to be taken to those unable to attend the service, this form is used.*

*Celebrant*    In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People*        **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Holy Communion from the altar of ECA.**

*All are invited to receive communion. Hold out your hands to receive the wafer; guide the cup to your mouth. You may also dip the wafer in the cup or allow the chalice bearer to do this for you. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Simply fold your hands over your chest to indicate this.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

***Enriching Our Worship***

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*

**(vs. 1,2,3,6) 1982: 493**

**Dismissal**

*The Celebrant dismisses the people and the people reply*

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*Winter, 3rd movement*

Vivaldi

## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NUGGETS...** Look what's coming up on **Sunday, February 12**. We are excited to welcome our guest teacher, Janice Krahenbuhl and highlight our Games Learning Center. Yes, we can learn even more about Jesus and his disciples through a variety of games. We extend an invitation to all children from age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and further invite each child to bring a friend to share in our fun. Middle School and High School youth who would like to be here during our Sunday School hour (10-11 AM) are invited to be classroom helpers. Please contact Susie Ferguson, if you have any questions or need further information through this email: [christianed@jointventurechurches.org](mailto:christianed@jointventurechurches.org).

**WATCH FOR THE ALMADEN RESIDENT** this week and next. Our article on our Epiphany Celebration and photo of our three kings has been accepted for publication. The editor is trying to run it this week. The *Almaden Times* does not accept articles from "freelance writers" so would not accept our photo and story. If anyone has a connection to any of the staff writers or personnel connected to the Times we would appreciate help with an introduction for future publicity in that local paper. Thank you, Susie Ferguson.

**DINNER GROUPS** Maryke Williams is setting up new dinner groups, with three options: an adult-only group of 6-8 that meets in homes for dinner; a family group that includes children and meets in homes; and a restaurant group that meets in a different restaurant each time. Please email Maryke at [maryke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryke@sbcglobal.net) with your choice.

**CHURCH FUMIGATION** The church will be closed for termite fumigation from Monday to Wednesday, **February 13-15**. In order for this project to happen, **all food** needs to be removed from the refrigerators, freezers, and pantry. Help will be needed to complete this project – if you can help on Sunday, February 12 after the 11:00 service (around 12:30 or 1:00), the work can be completed quickly. You can sign up to help by calling or emailing Connie Moore (CCAV), JV's kitchen representative, 782-1272 or [conlou@me.com](mailto:conlou@me.com), or Amy Griffith (ECA), 268-0920, [amy-g@pacbell.net](mailto:amy-g@pacbell.net).

**NOTE: The church will be closed for the week of the fumigation. All meetings, gatherings, and Thursday Eucharist are canceled that week.**

**SYMPHONY SILICON VALLEY CHORALE** presents "Music of War and Peace," Saturday, February 25, 8:00 pm, at Palo Alto First United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$24 at [www.symphonysiliconvalley.org](http://www.symphonysiliconvalley.org). Program includes pieces by Ralph Vaughn Williams and Randall Thompson.

**2012 ECA WOMEN'S RETREAT** Just a few more slots are available for the **March 2-4** retreat at the beautiful St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista. The cost is \$196.00 per person/double (\$246.00 per person/single) including all meals. If you are interested in attending, please contact Melinda Jennings by phone (408-225-0528) or email ([melinda1948@gmail.com](mailto:melinda1948@gmail.com)). Scholarships are available: talk to Kate if the cost is a problem.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Thursday morning Bible study meets weekly at 10:30 am, studying the Book of Genesis. New members are always welcome! Please contact Mary McPherson at [marymcp@aol.com](mailto:marymcp@aol.com) or 408-888-0097 if you will be attending for the first time and would like to receive materials by email.

**LADIES WHO LUNCH** All women are invited for weekly lunch on Wednesdays at 11:30 am at La Playita restaurant, at the shopping center on the corner of Redmond Ave. and Almaden Expwy.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** All men are invited for breakfast weekly on Thursdays at 8:00 am at the Country Inn restaurant near Camden and Almaden Expwy. Good company and good food at a good price; bocce ball following!

<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK</b>
<p><b>Sunday, February 5, 5 Epiphany</b></p> <p>7:30 am Holy Eucharist  8:45 am Sermon Discussion  10:10 am Sunday School  11:00 am Holy Eucharist  12:30 pm Counters Training</p> <p><b>Monday, February 6</b></p> <p>7:30 pm JV Duplicate Bridge</p> <p><b>Thursday, February 9</b></p> <p>7:30 am Thursday Eucharist  8:00 am Men's Breakfast/Bocce Ball  9:00 am Walk With the Rector  10:30 am Bible Study  7:30 pm ECA Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Friday, February 10</b></p> <p>3:00 pm Montgomery Meals  TBA Vestry Retreat Dinner</p> <p><b>Saturday, February 11</b></p> <p>9:00-4:00 Vestry Retreat (at St Francis)  10:00 am Knit Wits</p> <p><b>Sunday, February 12, 6 Epiphany</b></p> <p>7:30 am Holy Eucharist  8:45 am Sermon Discussion  10:10 am Sunday School  11:00 am Holy Eucharist  2:00 pm Prep for Fumigation</p> <p><b>Monday-Friday, February 13-17</b>  <b>Fumigation: Church Closed</b></p>	<p><i>Winnie</i>  <i>Jackie</i>  <i>Elizabeth</i>  <i>Nolan</i>  <i>Dorothy</i>  <i>Fabrice</i>  <i>Gayle</i>  <i>Jim</i>  <i>Salomae</i>  <i>Irene</i>  <i>Albert</i>  <i>Floyd</i>  <i>Gloria</i></p>

**Readings & Worship Assistants for February 12, 2012**

First Reading: **2 Kings 5:1-14**

Psalm: **Psalm 30**

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

Gospel: **Mark 1:40-45**

- Lay Readers..... George Romer, Bonnie McPherson, Jerry Ferguson
- Altar Guild .....Bobbie Finley, Charlotte Boileau, Judy Graun, Alex Dykes
- Acolyte ..... Ashley Martin
- Ushers..... Doug Wood, Steve Wing, David Byers
- Coffee Hosts ..... Inge & Bryan Bond
- Greeters..... Betty & Dominic Consorte
- Counter ..... Mary McPherson
- Flowers ..... Kathryn McAbee

**Assisting in Worship**

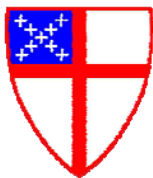
Preacher/Celebrant..... The Rev. Kate Flexer  
JV Music Director ..... Kristal Kim  
Music ..... ECA Choir  
Lay Readers..... Dennis Moran, Rob McClaine, Jerry Ferguson  
Altar Guild .....Bobbie Finley, Charlotte Boileau, Judy Graun, Alex Dykes  
Acolyte ..... Meghan Hall  
Ushers .....Warren Willard, Debbie Estill  
Coffee Hosts ..... Bonnie & Jim McPherson  
Greeters.....Kathy Mastre, Margaret Halliwell  
Counter ..... Martha Lou Reynolds  
Flowers ..... Mike & Connie Moore  
Folk Music Director.....Andy Kerr  
JV Christian Education and Youth Coordinator .....Susie Ferguson  
Junior High Youth Leader .....Bonnie McPherson  
Senior High Youth Leader.....Inge Bond  
ECA Webmaster ..... Hans Spanjaart  
Joint Venture Office Administrator ..... Dennis Elliott  
Nursery Coordinator .....Phyllis Chai  
Nursery Care ..... Liana Ramirez, Pat Garcia  
Acolyte Master ..... William Bond

**Requests for the Prayer Vine**

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