HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II The fifth sunday after the epiphany

February 7, 2021 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

While we're unable to be in church together, we gather today as the church, the Body of Christ. Wherever you are, we hope you'll participate fully in our worship through singing, prayer, hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and receiving spiritual communion. May God richly bless you as you bless us!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

"Father, we praise you"

Charles Callahan

All stand as able at the sound of the tower bell. HYMN (next page)

Father, we praise you

(HYMNAL 1)



Christ Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law



Text: Nocte Surgentes; Attr. to St. Gregory the Great, 540-604; tr. by Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt., © Oxford University Press Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, 11 11 11 5; La Feillees Methode du plain-chant, 1782

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presiding PriestBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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. Amen.



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**.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

READER: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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.

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.

THE RESPONSE (remain seated, read responsively)

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.

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Psalm 147:1-12

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. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

READER: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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.

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.

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If thou but trust in God to guide thee

(HYMNAL 635)

1 Corinthians 9:16-23



Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Wer nur lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they 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.

The Gospel of the LordPeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.

THE NICENE CREED Presiding Priest and People

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

The people pray responsively

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

You who by the leading of a star, guided the Magi to the brightness of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, lead us to the light of revelation, that we may value and honor the varied gifts of our sisters and brothers everywhere.

Silence

Loving God *Hear our prayer.* Karen Haig

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatters the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

Silence

Loving God *Hear our prayer.*

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

Silence

Loving God *Hear our prayer.*

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

Silence

Loving God *Hear our prayer.*

You who shower comfort and hope on the lonely, the lost, and the least, shine the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering [especially ______ and those we now name]. We pray especially for all those suffering from COVID and the ones who are caring for them. Make us your compassion and hope in the world.

Silence

Loving God *Hear our prayer.*

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whom we love but see no longer, [especially ______ and those we now name].

Silence

Loving God *Hear our prayer.*

You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

Silence

Loving God *Hear our prayer.*

Presider

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Presiding Priest says

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

Presiding PriestThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain seated. When we're together in church, an offering of money is collected.

You may make an offering by clicking here.

ANTHEM

O sing unto the Lord a new song

Peter Aston

O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song: sing, O sing, sing unto the Lord, all the earth. O sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised. O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song: sing, O sing, sing unto the Lord, all the earth. O sing unto the Lord, bless his name;

show forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory, his glory among the heathen, declare his wonders among all the people. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised. O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song: sing, O sing, sing unto the Lord, all the earth. O sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day.

TEXT: *Psalm 94:1-4*

PRESENTATION ANTHEM

Presiding Priest	All things come from you, O Lord,
People	and of your own have we given you.

Presiding Priest	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presiding Priest	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Presiding Priest	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



The Presiding Priest continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Barnabas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

ACCLAMATION AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

James Moore



Let us pray.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.



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Lord of all hopefulness

(HYMNAL 482)



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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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O bless the Lord, my soul

(HYMNAL 411 sts. 1,2,6)



6 Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5 Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

DISMISSAL

People Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **People**

PROCESSION ORGAN VOLUNTARY

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

J.S. Bach

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