



Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

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10:00am

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany Introduction

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

*THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ⁺ one God, who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned
away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy
name.

Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⁺ Christ

*THE GATHERING HYMN: Gather Us In #532

*THE GREETING

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 149

Refrain
Assisting minister

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

2 Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Final refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

The First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a, 9b-12

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. ^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112: 1-9

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;**
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶**For they will never be shaken;**
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,**
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands
fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth**
and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—
¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within?

So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung page #151a)

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

* P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord!

The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: This Little Light of Mine #677

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

Merciful God
Receive our prayer

* THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

THE OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE MEAL

* THE OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of
merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung)

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

* THE PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

* THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

* THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

THE LAMB OF GOD (sung)

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THE DISTRIBUTION

* THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
Amen

THE SENDING

* THE BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.
Amen.

*THE SENDING SONG: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky
#553

* THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Follow the way of Jesus..
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: February 5, 2023

Communion Assistant: Laura Poethke

Acolyte: Maris Rodig

Lector: Laura Poethke

Ushers: Steve Anderson & Peggy Bowers

Musician: David May

Serving Next Week: February 12 , 2023

Acolyte: Leo Sanchez

Lector: Kathleen Klotz

Ushers: Steve Anderson & Ferol Howell

Musician: Michelle Foster

**Offering
Envelopes**



Our offering envelope supplier advises it has a very big backlog of 2023 orders. They do not expect to ship our envelopes until February. Until they are received, you can either mail a check to the Church or use one of the blank envelopes in the pew racks on Sundays just be sure to write your name on the envelope.



FASTNACHT: Tuesday, February 21st. 6-8pm If you have a talent you would like to share or would like to help us prepare the pancakes, please see the signup sheet on the main bulletin board.



VBS PLANNING: Sunday, February 26th immediately following the worship service. We need new ideas and new members to help us bring back this wonderful ministry this summer.



SOUP SUPPER: Wednesday, March 1st, 6-8pm. Please come out and join us at 6pm for a time of soup and fellowship, followed by our first midweek Lenten service at 7pm.



CHURCH CLEANUP: March 18, 10am-2pm. We need all hands on deck as we prepare for the Easter and summer seasons. Service hours are available for any young person who needs them for school.



CHURCH COUNCIL: Meets the third Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be on February 20 at 7pm. These meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. Council still has one year term openings, if you are interested please reach out to Bonnie Mazza.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: If you want a financial statement of your Church donations for yearend 2022, you can email me at htrctreasurer@gmail.com, call me at (609)726-0292 or see me on Sundays in Church. Thanks, Hank Bariexca



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: Our midweek Lenten Services will begin on March 1st with our Soup Supper. (please see above) They will continue on March 8, 15, 22 & 29. at 7pm.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP: Palm Sunday, April 2, ay 10am Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7pm. Good Friday, April 7 at 7pm and Easter Sunday at 10am.

SUNDAY SERVICES: Our Sunday morning worship services will continue at 10:00 AM. Services are also streamed live on our Facebook Page.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is usually open on Wednesdays and Fridays when Pastor is there. Bonnie will be in the office, Mon 10-2, Wed—Friday 10-2. You can always call and leave a message if you need us.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH continues with our Phillip the Bucket spare change Loud Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Our Offerings have gone to help those in need in our community. We are also continuing to collect nonperishable food items for St. Luke's Food Pantry.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES: We are continuing with our Contemporary Services featuring *Voices That Reign*. Our next service will be on Tuesday February 28 @7:00pm

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Please join us immediately following worship in the Social hall for refreshments and fellowship. We are looking for dessert type items, if you would like to help out please see sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

We are so glad you worshipped with us today.

Our hope is that you have a blessed week and we will see you again next Sunday.

If you are visiting and have any questions about Holy Trinity, please ask Pastor Haab, one of our Greeters or any of our wonderful members.

