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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



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Scriptures are quoted from the NRSV Bible, unless otherwise indicated.

Ministry of the Word

* Processional

“Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”

Hymnal #423

* Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.*

* Gloria

“Glory to God”

Swaney

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Fine

to verse

1. 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.

2. 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.

*** Collect of the Day**

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

- 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.

21 Hallelujah!

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* Sequence

“Arise, Your Light is Come!”

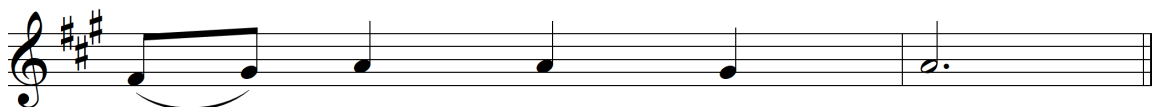
Duck/Walter



- 1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o -
- 2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on
- 3. A - rise, your light is come! All you_ in sor - row
- 4. A - rise your light is come! The moun-tains burst_ in



bey; show forth the_ glo - ry of your God which
 door; pro - claim the_ cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good
 born, bine up the_ bro - ken - heart - ed ones and
 song! Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's



shines_ on you to - day.
 ti - dings to the poor.
 com - fort those who mourn.
 power_ will make us strong.

* Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

After Jesus and his 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

“Fever”

C.J. Duffie

* **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. 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.

* **Prayers of the People**

Form III, BCP p. 387

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy (especially Bill Jones)

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those on our parish prayer list. (Especially Kellie) *The People may add their petitions.*

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

* **Confession & Absolution**

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

- Bill Jones Memorial Service – Fri, Feb 9, 3 pm
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tue, Feb 13, 5:30 pm
- Ash Wednesday Services – Wed, Feb 14, Noon and 6 pm
- Father Ryan away next Sunday, Feb 11

The Holy Communion

Offertory

“Thy Strong Word”

Hymnal #381

* **The Presentation**

“Doxology”

Hymnal #380, v.3

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

“Sursum Corda” Hymnal S-120

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.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant recites a Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Proulx



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



heav'n 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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The second staff continues with 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -' and the third staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mary, St. Michael the Archangel and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

"Come, Share the Lord"

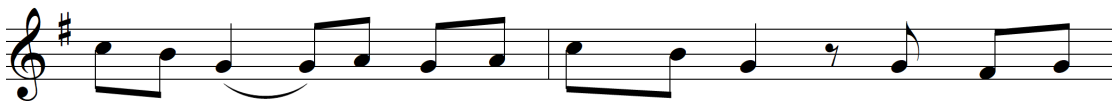
Leech



1. We gath - er here ___ in Je - sus' name, ___ his love is
 2. He joins us here, ___ he breaks the bread, ___ the Lord who
 3. We'll gath - er soon ___ where an - gels sing; ___ we'll see the



burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; for through his
 pours the cup is ris - en from the dead; the one we
 glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King; now we an -



lov - ing Son ___ the Fa - ther makes us one: come, take the
 love the most ___ is now our gra - cious host: come, take the
 tic - i - pate ___ the feast for which we wait; come, take the



bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord. No one is a
 bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord. We are now a
 bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.



stran - ger here, ev - ery - one be - longs; find - ing our for -
 fam - i - ly of which the Lord is head; though un - seen he



give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs. ___
 meets us here in the break - ing of the bread. ___

* **Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing**

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

* **Closing Hymn**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Hymnal #401

* **Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Guest Preacher C.J. Duffie

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