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**Worship**  
**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**  
**February 5, 2023**

**GATHERING**

**Greeting and Announcements**  
**Preparation for Worship**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**P** We are called to bring a new understanding of God:  
that God so loves the world.

**C We are the salt of the earth.**

**P** We are called to bring a new hope in God:  
that God gives us new life.

**C We are the light of the world.**

**P** We are called to follow  
the commandments and the law.

**C The Law of God is to love God  
and to love one another.**

**P** Come, let us be the salt of the earth,  
the light of the world.

**C Come, let us love one another  
with the love of God.**

**Let us join together in our love of God  
to worship and follow Jesus.**

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.*

**GATHERING HYMN – “God Is Here” ELW 526 (vs 1,2,4)**

**1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**

- 2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.**
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!**

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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C 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.**

P 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 our Savior.  
**C Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray:  
**C 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.**

*You may be seated*

## **THE WORD**

### **First Reading – Isaiah 58:1-12**

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 112:1-10**

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

**The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

## Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

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## Gospel Acclamation –

***Alleluia.*** Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life. ***Alleluia.***

P The holy Gospel according to Matthew,

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:13-20

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

## Sermon

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## HYMN OF THE DAY – “*This Little Light of Mine*” ELW 677

**1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Text: African American spiritual

**AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**

P We affirm our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C 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.**

*You may be seated*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

*A brief silence.*

P Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way especially our loved ones; Tom, Beth, Judy, Gloria, Jack, Mike, Martha, Brian, Darlene, Don, Barbara, and Donna. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P What else do the people of God want to lift up to God this day?.....

Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

## **THE MEAL**

### **OFFERING HYMN – “Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” ELW 312 (vs 1,3,4)**

**Jesus, come! for we invite you,  
guest and master, friend and Lord;  
now, as once at Cana's wedding,  
speak and let us hear your word:  
lead us through our need or doubting,  
hope be born and joy restored.**

**Jesus, come! in new creation,  
heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;  
give your unexpected glory,  
changing water into wine:  
rouse the faith of your disciples—  
come, our first and greatest Sign!**

**Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,  
make us willing to receive  
more than we can yet imagine,  
all the best you have to give:  
let us find your hidden riches,  
taste your love, believe, and live!**

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### **OFFERTORY – “Make Me a Servant”**

**Make me a servant, humble and meek.  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.**

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

**C 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.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**

P 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

***“Holy, Holy, Holy”*** (Haugen)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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, hosanna in the highest.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, Heaven and earth are full of you glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*P* Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*P* Remembering, therefore, his death, his resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

*P* Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*P* Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C 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.**

### **COMMUNION INVITATION**

*P* Come and taste the joy of God!

*You may be seated*

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Kristan

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*P* Let us pray.

**C 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.**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN – *“Arise, Your Light Has Come” ELW 314*

- 1 Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.
  
- 2 Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.
  
- 3 Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.
  
- 4 Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

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### DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

**Bethany's Mission Statement –  
Accepting  
Serving  
Loving . . .  
We Share God's Embrace**

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