

Feb 7, 2021 Bulletin

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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Prelude

Lord I Have Seen Thy Salvation – arr. Jae Park

*The congregation is invited to say the words together **in bold**. Please sing along with us! To prepare for worship, you may want to place a candle or two in the place where you worship, to light during the opening prayer.*

Welcome

The ushers and the rector welcome the congregation. If you are new to us, consider filling out our [“get connected”](#) form, let us get to know you better.

Hymn of Praise

Arise Shine

SING TOGETHER:

- Bring in each group one by one.

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the

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glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

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Opening Sentences

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

O God, open thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

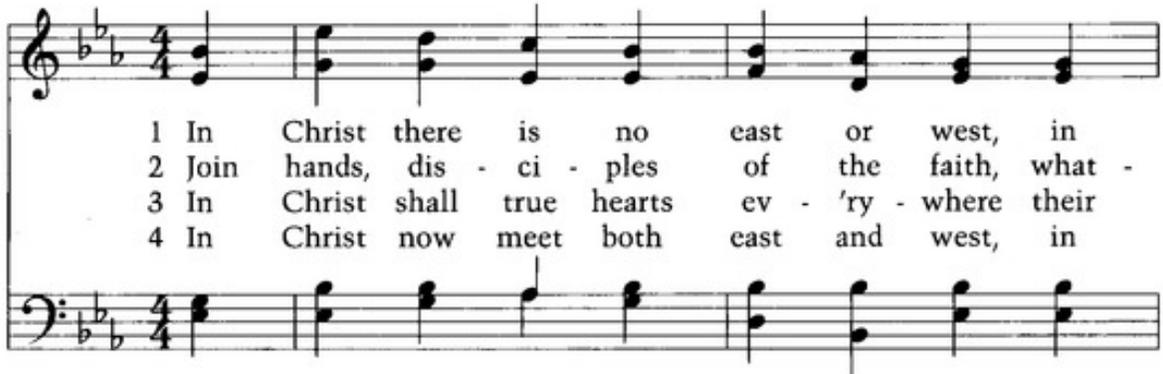
The Collect of the Day

The Presider reads ancient prayers that signify our longing for Christ's coming, and the coming of God's reign as we light the candles on the altar. You are invited to light a candle at home with us.

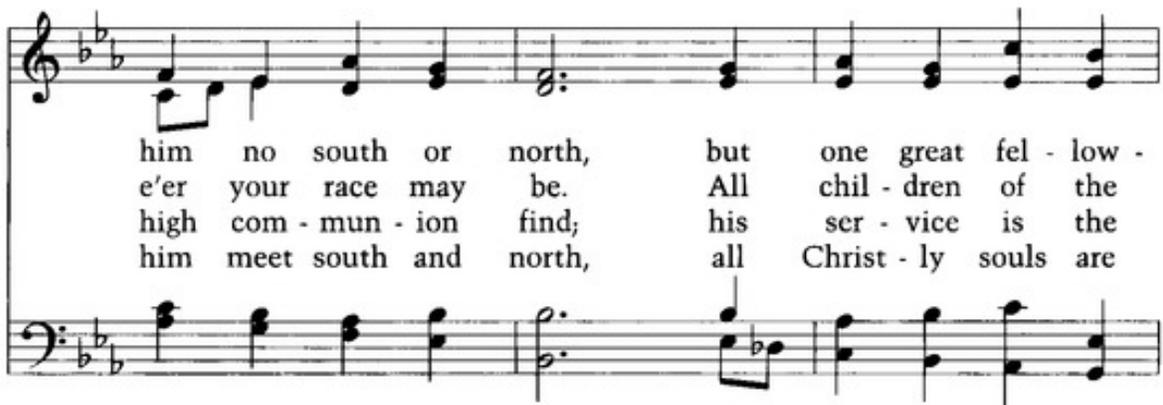
Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

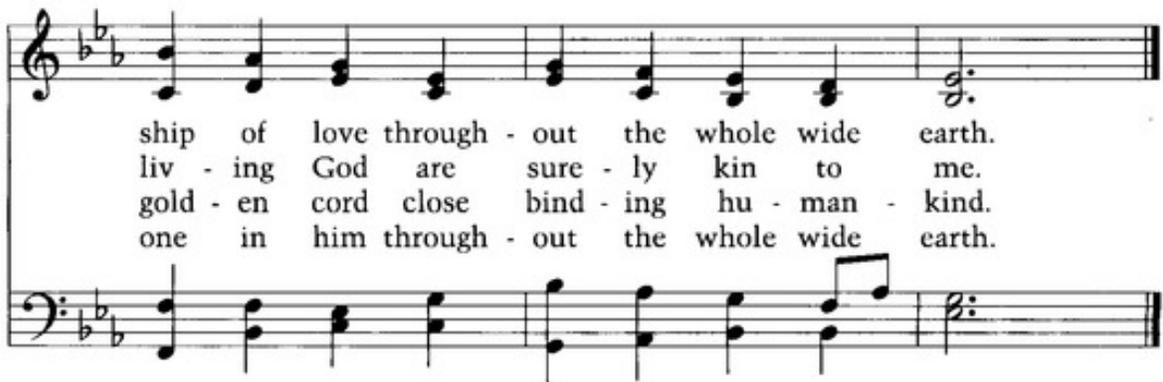
There is a Balm, in Gilead –



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in



him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the
him meet south and north, all Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

The Readings

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Following an ancient pattern originally from Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set calendar for what will be read when.

THE FIRST READING:

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (Isaiah 40:21-31)

Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
Wasn't it announced to you from the beginning?
Haven't you understood since the earth was founded?
God inhabits the earth's horizon—
its inhabitants are like locusts—
stretches out the skies like a curtain
and spreads it out like a tent for dwelling.
God makes dignitaries useless
and the earth's judges into nothing.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely is their shoot rooted in the earth
when God breathes on them, and they dry up;
the windstorm carries them off like straw.
So to whom will you compare me,
and who is my equal? says the holy one.

Look up at the sky and consider:
Who created these?
The one who brings out their attendants one by one,
summoning each of them by name.
Because of God's great strength
and mighty power, not one is missing.
Why do you say, Jacob,
and declare, Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord,
my God ignores my predicament"?
Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the creator of the ends of the earth.
He doesn't grow tired or weary.
His understanding is beyond human reach,
giving power to the tired
and reviving the exhausted.
Youths will become tired and weary,
young men will certainly stumble;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength;
they will fly up on wings like eagles;
they will run and not be tired;
they will walk and not be weary.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE PSALM (PSALM 147:1-12, 21)

ALLELUIA! HOW GOOD IT IS TO SING PRAISES TO YOU, O GOD;
HOW PLEASANT IT IS TO HONOR YOU WITH PRAISE!

FOR YOU REBUILD JERUSALEM
AND GATHER THE EXILES OF ISRAEL.

YOU HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED
AND BIND UP THEIR WOUNDS.

YOU COUNT THE NUMBER OF THE STARS
AND CALL THEM ALL BY THEIR NAMES.

GREAT ARE YOU AND MIGHTY IN POWER;
THERE IS NO LIMIT TO YOUR WISDOM.

YOU LIFT UP THE LOWLY,
BUT CAST THE WICKED TO THE GROUND.

WE SING TO YOU, MOST HIGH, WITH THANKSGIVING;
WE MAKE MUSIC TO YOU UPON THE HARP,

FOR YOU COVER THE HEAVENS WITH CLOUDS
AND PREPARE RAIN FOR THE EARTH;

YOU MAKE GRASS TO GROW UPON THE MOUNTAINS
AND GREEN PLANTS TO SERVE HUMANKIND.

YOU PROVIDE FOOD FOR FLOCKS AND HERDS
AND FOR THE YOUNG RAVENS WHEN THEY CRY.

YOU ARE NOT IMPRESSED BY THE MIGHT OF A HORSE;
YOU HAVE NO PLEASURE IN HUMAN STRENGTH;

BUT YOU HAVE PLEASURE IN THOSE WHO FEAR YOU,
IN THOSE WHO AWAIT YOUR GRACIOUS FAVOR.

YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO TO ANY OTHER NATION;
TO THEM YOU HAVE NOT REVEALED YOUR JUDGMENTS. ALLELUIA!

GLORY TO GOD, SOURCE OF ALL BEING, INCARNATE WORD, AND HOLY SPIRIT, AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 1:29-39)
Glory to You, Lord Christ.

After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them.

That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon-possessed. The whole town gathered near the door. He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him.

Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. Simon and those with him tracked him down. When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you!"

He replied, "Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come." He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Chester Hines

Anthem:

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" arranged by Dr. Roland Carter. Sung by a choir of Black opera performers assembled by Nicole Heaston.

Announcements:

Announcements are shared

[See Announcements](#)

Prayers of the People

You may add your prayer requests in the comments at any time. Know that people will pray for you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love, **Hear our prayers for the church.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For equity, and peace across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, especially Joseph, our president, Kamala our vice-president and the whole incoming administration, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom, **Hear our prayers for the world.**

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home. We give you thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Madeleine Docherty and Deanna Hill. And for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Maggie & Daniel Linck. God of peace, **Hear our prayers for this community.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; for those who have died of COVID and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of grace, **Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble,

suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the way Christ taught us, and in the language of our hearts.

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Concluding Prayers

The Concluding Prayer by The Rev. Pauli Murray is followed by the ancient prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

Hope is a word in a tuneless ditty —
A word whispered with the wind,
A dream of forty acres and a mule,
A cabin of one's own and a moment to rest,
A name and place for one's children
And children's children at last . . .
Hope is a song in a weary throat.
Give me a song of hope
And a world where I can sing it.
Give me a song of faith
And a people to believe in it.
Give me a song of kindness
And a country where I can live it. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace is then exchanged.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Peace is then exchanged. Consider sending a text, a message on Facebook, or even writing a letter or email to someone who could use some peace.

Concluding Hymn:

Just a Closer Walk – Lift Every Voice And Sing Hymnal #72

1. I am weak but thou art strong; _____
2. Through this world of toil and snares, _____
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, _____

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, _____

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; _____ I'll be sat - is - fied as
2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? _____ Who with me my bur - den
3. Time for me will be no more; _____ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, _____ Dai - ly walk - ing close to

D.C. for Refrain

1. long _____ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
2. shares? _____ None but thee, dear _____ Lord, none but thee.
3. o'er _____ To Thy king - dom _____ shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, _____ Let it be, dear _____ Lord, let it be.

The Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Let us Bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This Little Light

Brooke Meyers & Bria Jones

Service Leaders

Officiant: The Rev. Mike Angell

Preacher: The Rev. Chester Hines

Assisting: The Rev. Marc Smith and Emilee Walker-Cornetta, Seminarian

Lectors: Ellis Anderson, Alisa Williams

The Lord's Prayer: Jacob Swanson

Greeters: Heidi Volkl, Lynn Wolfe

Soloist: Juliet Jackson

Guest Musicians: Jae Park, Nicole Heaston and friends, Brooke Myers, Bria Jones

Director of Music: Mary Chapman

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