



The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

February 5, 2023
St. George's Church, Glenn Dale Parish
Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: *The Church's One Foundation*

Opening Hymn: *Voices Found #109 People of God, gather together*

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Peo-ple of God, ga-ther to - ge - ther, come, let us sing on this glo - ri - ous day.
Hear-ing God's word, heed-ing the mes-sage, come and re-joice as we an-swer the call.
Bear-ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre-sence; come, let us share in the hea-ven - ly feast.
Wo-men and men, har-mo - ny blend-ing, come, swell the cho-rus in lov-ing ac-cord.



Shout-ing a-broad praise to the Mak-er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray,
With one ac-cord, made in God's im-age, come in com-mu - ni - ty, wel-com-ing all.
Mend-ing all rifts, heal-ing di - vi-sions, come and from sor-rows and hurts be re-leased.
Rais-ing a - gain thanks ne - ver end-ing, come to the God who is Wis-dom and Word.



Come, let us join in the hea-ven-ly dance, prais-ing in joy-ous ce-le-bra-tion.

Opening Acclamation and Prayer

Celebrant: Christ is our everlasting light.

People: **And God is our glory.**

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

All pray together: **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.**

Song of Praise: Gloria - My Heart Sings Out #80 *The Light of Christ*

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The musical score is written for two voices, likely Soprano and Alto, in a 2/4 time signature. It consists of three systems of two staves each. The lyrics are: "The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The light of Christ has come in - to the world. light of Christ has come in - to the world. world. The light of Christ has come come." The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning of each system and a first/second ending bracket at the end of the second system.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect for the Day:

Everlasting God, whose will it is that we show the goodness of your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 2:1-8

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet 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. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

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

Psalm 112: 1-9

Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who hold the Lord in awe.

and greatly delight in God's commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land

the children of the upright will be blessed.

Riches and plenty shall fill their houses

righteousness shall be theirs for ever.

They are a light in the darkness for the upright

being gracious compassionate and just.

It goes well with those who are generous in lending

who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be shaken

they will be kept in remembrance for ever.

They will not live in fear of bad news

because with steadfast heart they trust in the Lord.

Their heart is steady, they will not fear

in the end they shall see their enemies downfall.

They give freely to the poor

their righteousness stands for ever, and they will hold up their head with honor.

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #554 *'Tis the gift to be simple*

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'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down



where we ought to be, and when we find our-selves in the place just right, 'twill be in the val-ley of



love and de-light. When true sim-plic-i-ty is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to



turn, turn, will be our de-light till by turn-ing, turn-ing we come round right

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

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "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.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In 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.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For 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. Therefore, 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Creed: *We believe*

Words: Terry Doyle, TSSF paraphrase of the *Apostles Creed*. Music: *Omni die*, from *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, 1631.
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We be - lieve God, our Cre - a - tor makes our world and calls it good,
We be - lieve God be - came hu - man when the Word em - braced our flesh.
We be - lieve that Je - sus gave all, dy - ing on a cross for love.
We be - lieve that Christ in glo - ry comes a - gain to be our judge,
We be - lieve God is e - ter - nal, Spir - it, Word and Cre - a - tor;



form - ing heav - ens, earth and crea - tures, each a mir - ror of God's love.
Child of Ma - ry from the Spir - it, Je - sus humb - ly walked on earth.
Then Christ rose to con - quer all death, and as - cend - ed, One with God.
re - con - cil - ing with for - give - ness, bring - ing peace to all on earth.
and the dead are raised to new life, liv - ing in God's end - less love.



The Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God who is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, saying **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

As the prophet Isaiah sang out, "Arise, shine; for your light has come," we pray O God that you empower your Church to sing out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness. We pray especially for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the people of St. George's, as we say:

Christ the true light, shine on us.

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ child, we pray that you send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth. We pray especially for refugees and for others caught in the violence of war, as we say: **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray O God that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness, as we say **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world, we pray for all people in need of Christ's blessings and his healing grace, including those who are hungry, those who are cold and lack a safe place to sleep, and those who are out of work. We pray especially for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, for the guests of the Warm Nights program, and for those served by the Bowie Food Pantry. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

In the spirit of the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth, we pray O God for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, and we give thanks for all of the blessings of our lives, saying **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats and follow him, we pray O God for those who have answered your call to a new life with you on the other side of death; may they go from strength to strength in your heavenly reign, saying **Christ the true light, shine on us.**

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers and make us reflections of your light and grace.
Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

All pray together **God of steadfastness and mercy, we confess that we love the works of darkness more than your light. We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings through material things of creation rather than through you, our Creator. We are quick to judge others, yet we fail to see our own failings. We ignore the cries of the poor, and grow weary of working for justice. Forgive and restore us, O God; let your Holy Spirit move in us and inspire us to walk in the light of Christ, this day and always. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, confirm and 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.

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

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Offertory Hymn LEVAS #157 *Revive Us Again*

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We praise thee, O God, For the son of thy love, For Je - sus who
We praise thee, O God, for thy spir - it of light, Who has shown us our
All glo - ry and praise To the lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our
Re - vive us a - gain, Fill each heart with thy love. May each soul be re-



died And is now gone a - bove. Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Hal - le -
Sav - ior, And scat - tered our night.
sins And has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.
- kin - dled With fire from a - bove.



- lu - jah! A - men, Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, re - vive us a - gain.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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.

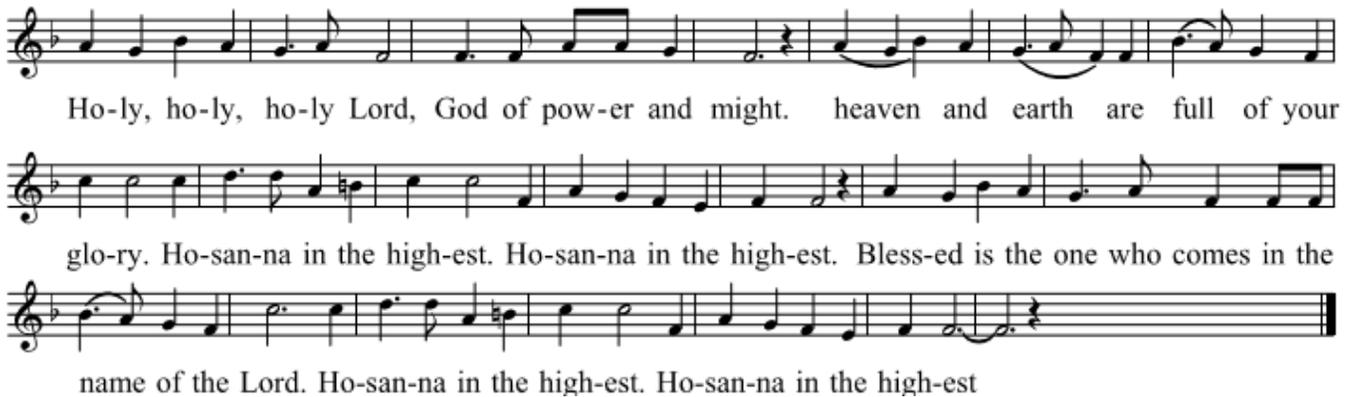
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn in voices of unending praise:

Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 #S 125 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Setting from *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. heaven and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, O Holy One, for in Jesus the Messiah you have come to us as the Word made flesh. Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased, your beloved Son Jesus.

Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, Jesus forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, and restored those in need of healing. He gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed, bringing light to the world in the power of your Holy Spirit.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

Therefore, according to his command O God,

We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.

Made one with Christ and one with each other, we now offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a holy and living sacrifice. And now most gracious God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Holy One of Blessing, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer – Contemporary Version

Celebrant: And now in the Light of Christ, we pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept

Fraction Anthem: Gather #247 *May We Be One*

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus.



So as we share this feast may we be come, heal-ing and light and peace. May we be one.

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.



Communion Hymn 1: Gather #353 *We are the Light of the World* verses 1-4, 8

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Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it, Theirs is the king dom of God.
 Bless - ed are they who are meek and hum - ble, they will in - her it the earth.
 Bless - ed are they who will mourn in sor - row, They will be com - fort - ed.
 Bless those who hun - ger and thirst for jus - tice, They will be sat - is - fied.
 Bless those who suf - fer from per - se - cu - tion, Theirs is the King dom of God.



Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spir - it; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
 Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and hum - ble;
 Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sor - row;
 Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for jus - tice;
 Bless us, O Lord, when they per - se - cute us;

Refrain



We are the light of the world, May our light shine be - fore all, That they may see the



good that we do, And give glo - ry to God

Hymnal 1982 #316 *This is the hour of banquet and of song*

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889) Music: *Canticum refectiois* David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)
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This is the hour of ban-quet and of song; this is the heaven - ly
Too soon we rise; we go our sev-eral ways; the feast, though not the
Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass-es by, yet, pass - ing, points to



ta - ble spread for me; here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro-
love is past and gone, the Bread and Wine con-sumed; yet all our
the glad feast a - bove, giv - ing us fore-taste of the fes - tal



- long the brief, bright hour of fel-low - ship with thee.
days thou still art here with us - our Shield and Sun.
joy, the Lamb's great mar-riage feast of bliss and love.

Post- Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray: **Generous and nourishing God, in word and bread and wine we have celebrated the mysteries of your love: As we go forth into the world, we ask you to assist us with your grace, that we may live as signs of your wonders in the world, loving one another and sharing your light wherever we go, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Announcements



The Blessing

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the risen Christ.
And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;
May Christ Jesus bring justice for you and among you;
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always.
Amen.



Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #221 *This Little Light of Mine*

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This lit tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. This lit tle light of
Ev - 'ry where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine. Ev - 'ry where I
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine. Je - sus gave it to



mine, I'm gon - na let it shine; This lit tle light of mine,
go, I'm gon - na let it shine; Ev - 'ry where I go,
me, I'm gon - na let it shine; Je - sus gave it to me,



I'm gon-na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
I'm gon-na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
I'm gon-na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Light of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Be Thou My Vision*