THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | FEBRUARY 6, 2022 - II:00 AM

PRELUDE

Communion in F Major Louis-James Alfred Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

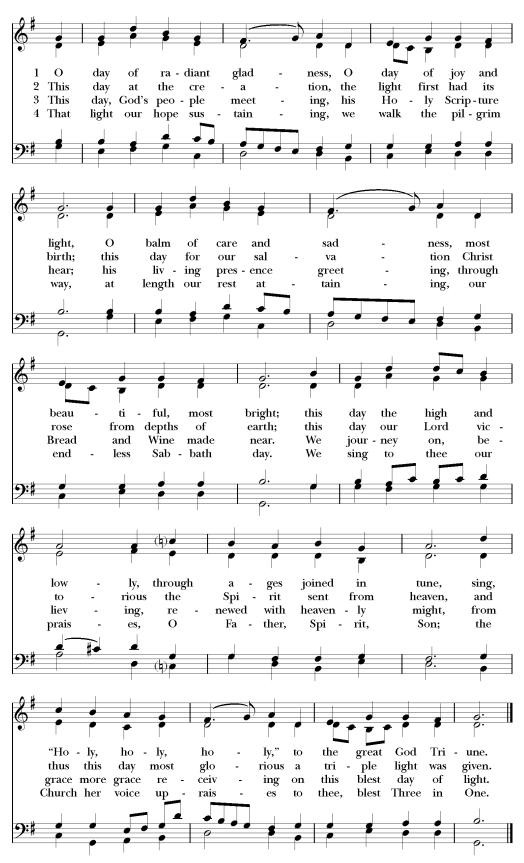
The Celebrant intones

Blessed be God, who illumines the darkness and enlightens the world.

The People respond







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O God of love, you are the true sun of the world, evermore risen and never going down: We pray you to shine in our hearts and drive away the darkness of sin and the mist of error. We pray that we may this day and all our lives long, walk without stumbling in the way you have prepared for us, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognize your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON seated Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM sung by the Cantor Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, * that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.
Henry Walford Davies (1869-1841)

THE EPISTLE seated 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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THE GOSPEL Luke -5: 1-11

The Deacon or Priest intones:

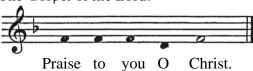
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON seated The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Baptismal Covenant

During Epiphanytide we use the Church's earliest baptismal creed, the Apostle's Creed, followed by the baptismal promises and prayers from the Book of Common Prayer, to embrace more deeply the pattern of life we have chosen – Jesus' Way of Love.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation? I will, with God's help.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open our heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send us into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For what else shall we pray?

The People may add their own thanksgivings and intercessions.

For all of these things,

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with a distanced gesture to those nearby.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS seated

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

seated, sung by the Choir

I want to walk as a child of the Light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain:* In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

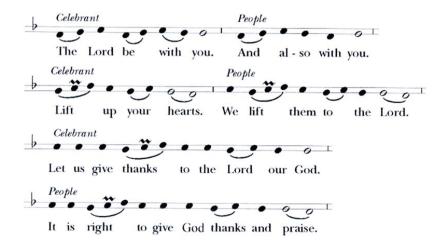
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HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



We praise you and we bless you, gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, fire, and water, and every living thing. You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your love. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in your light and the fullness of your love. So this day we join with Saints and Angels in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



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The Celebrant continues

All glory be to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor on Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God. Living among us Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world into the heart of God, but we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

When the time came to complete the offering of his life, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take and eat; this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

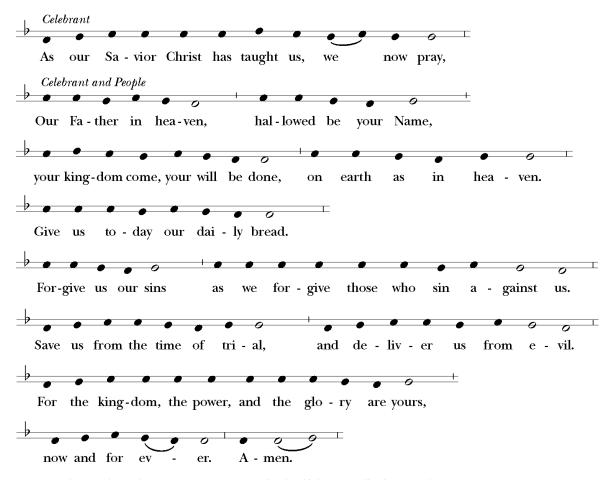
In the fullness of time bring us, with all your children from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, forever and ever.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER



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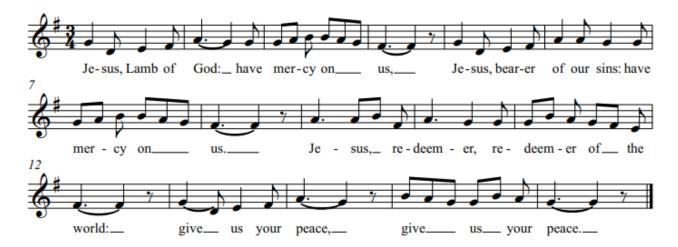
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to communion, saying

Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

THE COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives. All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.



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THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION standing

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the Light of Christ be enkindled in your hearts. And the Blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen**.

HYMN IN PROCESSION



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THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to share the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Skizzen No. 2 from "4 Skizzen für den Pedalflügel" Op.58 Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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