



Sunday, February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 5, Year A

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 112:1-9

- L: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments
- C: **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- L: Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- C: **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- L: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- C: **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- L: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- C: **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire up on their enemies.**
- L: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

HYMN *God Whose Almighty Word*

ELW #673 vs. 1,2,3

- 1 **God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.**
- 2 **Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind;
Oh, now to humankind, let there be light.**
- 3 **Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight;
Move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place, let there be light.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

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.

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet 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. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MATTHEW 5:13-20

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

[Jesus said:] ¹³"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 underfoot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In 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.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹Therefore, 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. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON *Intern Kris Kincaid*

HYMN *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW 479 vs. 1-3

- 1 **We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**
- 2 **We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind,
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**
- 3 **We come to the hungry feast, hungry that the hunger cease,
And knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us;
we come, we come to the hungry feast.**

APOSTLES CREED

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. Amen.

PRAYERS — SHARING THE PEACE

GRATITUDE IN ACTION—OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING...

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Liberating God,

**C: 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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION—LORD'S PRAYER—INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN *Bread of Life from Heaven*

ELW #474 vs.1,2,3,4 & refrains

REFRAIN **Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.**

1 **Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound.**

REFRAIN **Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.**

- 2 **Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life may be yours.**

REFRAIN **Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.**

- 3 **Love as the one who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more.**

REFRAIN **Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.**

- 4 **Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;
make your home in the life-giving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
and believe in the truth you have heard.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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.**

HYMN *To Be Your Presence*

ELW #546 vs.1,3,4

- 1 **To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
al – le – lu – ia!**
- 3 **To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,
al – le – lu – ia!**
- 4 **We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
al – le – lu – ia!**

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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wherever **GOD** has placed you
