

The Fifth Sunday

after

The Epiphany

Prelude & Entrance Hymn

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1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Greeting

P: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Arise, shine, for our Light has come!

C: And the glory of the Lord has come upon us.

A: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C: The light no darkness can overcome.

A: He comes to us

C: We who are not wise.

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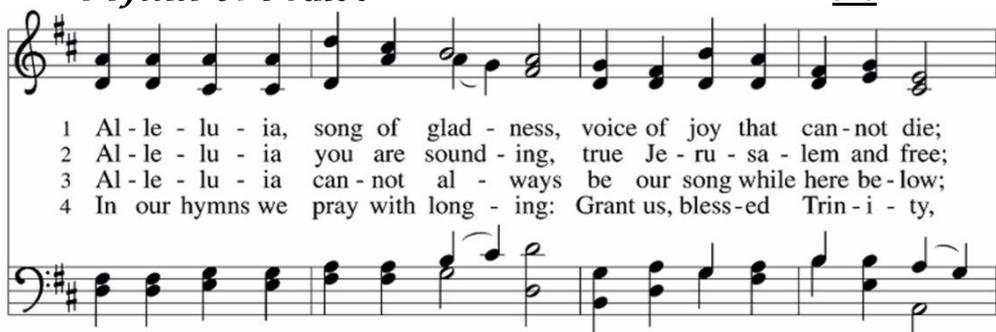
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A: Arise, shine, for our Light has come!

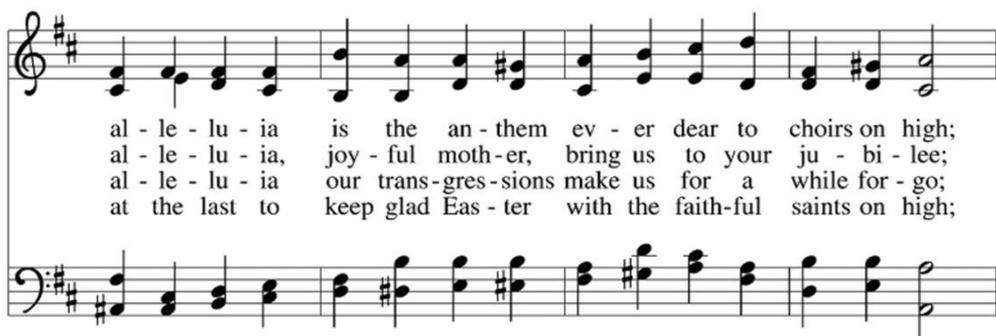
C: And the glory of the Lord has come upon us.

Hymn of Praise

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1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Our God whose word is truth and light, in His teaching, Your Son revealed the weakness of our understandings and the shortcomings of our actions. Give us the insight of the Spirit, that we will not consider ourselves righteous by our own standards and expectations, but humbling ourselves to Your will, we will receive our salvation through the grace of your Son alone. We ask this in His Holy name. Amen.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to the Israelites as they travelled through the wilderness from their slavery in Egypt toward the land promised them by God, “pay attention! I set before you today the choice between life and prosperity or death and adversity; in that I command you today to love Yahweh your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments, His laws and regulations, that you may stay alive and become many more and Yahweh your God may bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. Now, if your heart turns away and you do not listen and walk away and give yourself over to other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you will perish, yes, perish; you will not prolong your days on the soil that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth as witnesses: life and death I am placing before you, blessing and curse! Now, choose life, so that you may stay alive, you and your children, by loving Yahweh your God, by listening to His voice and by clinging to Him. For He is your life and the source of long life on the soil that Yahweh promised to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob – promised to give it to them!”

Psalm

Psalm 119

*Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

**Happy are those who keep ‘his decrees,
who seek him with ‘their whole heart,**

*who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.*

**You have commanded your precepts
to be kept di'ligently. R**

*O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!*

**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

*I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.*

**I will observe your statutes;
do not utter'ly forsake me.**

Second Lesson

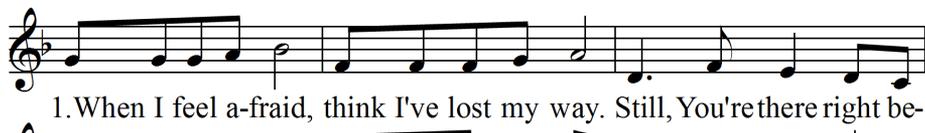
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, because you were not yet ready, brothers and sisters, I, Paul, could not speak to you as “spiritual people.” Instead, I had to speak to you like “people of the flesh”, as infants in Christ. I fed you with “milk,” not “solid food,” for you were not ready for solid food. You are still not ready for “Spiritual Speech” because of your quarreling. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still “of the flesh.” For, isn’t it true that as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, you show that you are still “of the flesh,” and still behaving according to human inclinations? For when one of you says, “I belong to Paul,” and another of you says, “I belong to Apollos,” aren’t you showing that you are still merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? They are only the servants who brought you to faith. They were only doing what they were assigned to do by the Lord. True, I, Paul, did plant and Apollos did water but, it was God who gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For, we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Verse



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



side me. And no-thing will I fear As long as You are near;

Please be near me to the end. *(to refrain)*

2.I will not for-get Your love for me and yet, My heart for-ev-er is

wan-der-ing. Je-sus be my guide, And hold me to Your side, And

I will love you to the end. *(to refrain)*

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus continued preaching his sermon on the mount by saying:

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times,

'You, will not to murder' [Ex 20:13] and

'Whoever murders will be guilty in the judgment that is coming.'

But I say to you that everyone who is wrathful with your brother or sister will be liable in The Judgment. And, whomever insults your brother or sister will be liable before The Council. And whomever may say, 'You are a fool for not seeing what God is up to' will be liable into The Fire of Hell. If then, you may offer your gift upon The Altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go off! First, be reconciled to your brother or sister! And then, coming again, offer your gift! Have positive thoughts about those who are against you, quickly – while you are with them in The Way - in case your opponent may hand you over to the Judge and the Judge to the Assistant, and you will be thrown in prison. Amen, I say to you, you may not come out of there until you have may have handed back the last penny.

You have heard that it was said,

'You will not adulter.' [Ex 20:14]

But I say to you that everyone looking at another in lust has already adulterated them in their heart. But, if your right eye causes you to turn away from the Faith, take it out and throw it away! It is better for you to excise one of your body parts than that your whole body may be thrown into Hell. And if your right hand causes you to turn away from the Faith, cut it off and throw it away! It is better for you to excise one of your body parts than that your whole body may go into Hell.

But it is said,

'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' [Dt 24:1]

But I say to you that everyone letting go of a spouse except on the word of an illicit relationship causes that spouse to adultery. And whoever may marry one being divorced is being caused to adulter.

Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times,

'You will not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' [Lev 19:12]

But I say to you, do not swear at all, not by heaven - for it is the throne of God - not by the earth - for it is the footstool for God's feet - not by Jerusalem - for it is the city of the great King - you may not swear by your head - for you do not have the power to make one hair white or black - but, your word is 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No' - anything more than this comes from evil.

You have heard that it was said,

'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' [Ex 21:24, Lev 24:19, Dt 19:15]

But I say to you, do not resist evil. But, if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also. And, if someone wants to judge you and take your shirt, leave it for them - and your coat, too. And, if anyone compels you to go one mile, go with them a second. To those asking of you, give, and you may not turn away from those wishing to borrow money from you.

You have heard that it was said,

'You will wholistically love your neighbor and will hate the one hostile to you.' [Lev 19:18]

But I say to you, wholistically love those hostile to you and pray for those persecuting you, so that you may become children of your Father in heavens, for, he raises his sun over evil and good, and rains upon

righteous and unrighteous. For, if you may wholistically love those who wholistically love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you may greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

By being these kinds of people, you will be people of integrity – just as your Heavenly Father has integrity.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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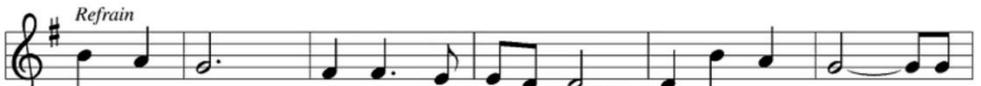
1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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 of the Church & Passing of the Peace Offering & Offertory 691



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Offertory Prayer

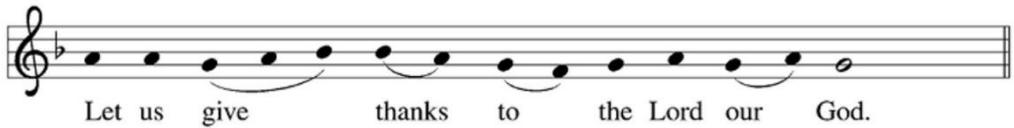
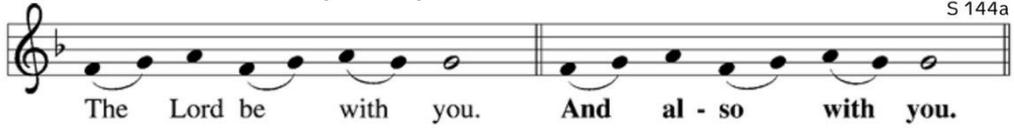
A: Let us pray:

C: Accept, O Lord, these gifts that we bring in gratitude this day; offerings from the abundant blessings we have received. May they be pleasing in your sight, that you will continue to look kindly on us and our needs, and that they may serve the

need of manifesting your Kingdom in this age. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution Hymns

714, 815, 726

1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus

mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and

in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.
- 6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

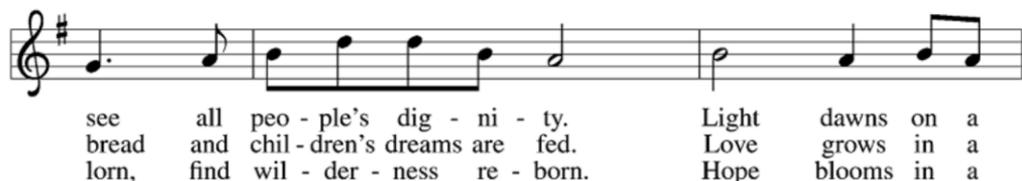
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain
 The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;

the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

[tune: ELW 468]

I long for your commandments; your judgments all are good.
Within your word is wisdom; your teachings understood.
Are comfort to my spirit's need and in the night my solace.
Your statues are my song.

Without your lamp to guide me I wander from the way.
Without your laws and precepts, I stumble in the dark.
Your understandings are my hope that I may run in freedom.
Your ways are my release.

Oh, how I love your knowledge, more precious than pure gold.
It satisfies like honey, a sweetness on my tongue.
It leads me to salvation's door where you have spread your table.
O lead me to your home.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



Sunday, February 8

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School &
Confirmation Classes

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Youth Bowling Event

Monday February 9

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Tuesday February 10

6:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - hybrid

3:00 p.m. Bible Study Lite 101 w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

Wednesday February 11

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club

Thursday February 12

7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

Sunday February 15

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

No Sunday School or Confirmation Classes

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

12:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Potluck Luncheon



UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE

2/15 12:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Potluck Luncheon

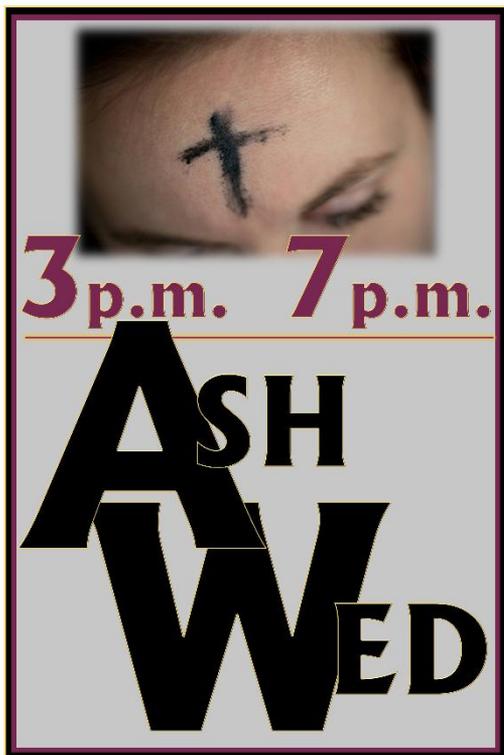
2/18 1:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Blood Drive

2/18 3:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy

2/18 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy

2/22 Lenten Sunday Series Begins

2/25 7:00p.m. Mid-week Lenten Evening Prayer Services Begins



**Ash Wednesday
Blood Drive
Feb. 18th
1:00-7:00 p.m.**

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