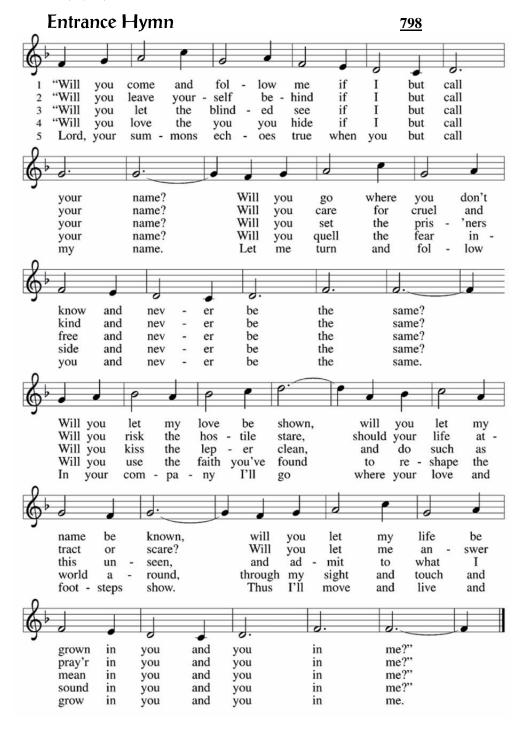


Fifth Sunday After Epiphany February 9, 2025

#### Prelude



# Greeting

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

C: Amen.

P: Arise, shine for our light has come.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: And the Glory of the Lord is upon us.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: God has come to be with us.

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C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: To show us His face in our faces.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: Do not hide your light or let it go out.

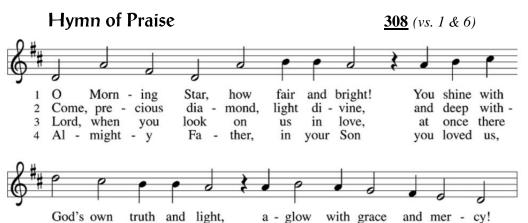
C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: Tend it and protect it and let it shine.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!

A: He is the Light no darkness can overcome.

C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!



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6. What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last, The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace, Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen!
Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of your returning.

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Lord Jesus, after experiencing God's presence in his life, Peter left everything behind to be an Apostle. We pray that God's presence is manifested in our lives, that we will always remain faithful to your calling to be disciples in the midst of our daily lives, witnessing that we are your faithful followers in all we say and do. Amen.

#### First Lesson

<u>Isaiah 6:1-13</u>

#### God Calls Isaiah to be a Prophet

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!" And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'

Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste

without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.
Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled."
The holy seed is its stump.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 138

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

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

I, Paul, strongly urge you -I, who is a prisoner in the Lord -I strongly urge you to walk about in a way that is worthy of the calling with which you have been called: with all humility and gentleness; with patience; enduring one another in love; making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. For, you know that there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. One!

Still, God gives each of us grace in equal measure to the gift we have received from Christ's gift. Which is why it says,

"When Christ ascended on high, Christ made captivity itself a captive and then gave gifts to his people."

Now, the gifts he gave were that: some would be apostles; some prophets; some evangelists; some pastors and teachers so that you, the Saints, might be equipped to perform the work of ministry – building up the body of Christ until all of us come to one faith and the full understanding of the Son of God, to maturity - to fully being like Christ in his fullest sense, so that we may no longer be immature, like little children who get tossed around and blown about by the winds of new "spiritualities" and by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by the very ligaments with which it is equipped – when each part is working properly - promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Now this I say and testify in the Lord: you must no longer walk about as the atheists and agnostics do - in the emptiness of their minds. They are being darkened in their understanding because in their ignorance and hardness of heart they alienate themselves from the life of God. They have lost all sense of moral grounding, handing themselves over to selfishness and putting all their expectation in themselves to make their lives better. But this is not what you learned from Christ! . . . You put aside your previous conduct, your old self which was being corrupted by deceitful longings. Instead, you were renewed in the spirit of your minds, and you were clothed with the new self which was created by God in true righteousness and holiness.

So then, having put away what is pseudo, you all must speak truth to each neighbor, for we are members of one another. Of course, you may become angry at times, but you must not sin! Don't let the sun set on your anger. You must not let the Devil find any available real estate in you! If you are taking what you are not working for, stop. Put your hands to work doing what is good so that you can even help others who are in need. Any words that are worthless must not come out of your mouth. Instead, only speak the words that are good for building each other up so that your words may give grace to those who are listening -do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption! Also, along with all evil, put aside all bitterness, wrath, anger, empty pontifications, and saying things about God that are not true. Instead, be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has forgiven you. Become imitators of God, loved children, who walk around in in love, just as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us, an offering and sacrifice with a pleasing fragrance to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God



## Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 5

Now it came about that while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret the crowd was getting too close to him while they listened to the word of God. Looking around, Jesus saw two boats on the shore of the lake. The fishermen had left the boats there to go and wash their nets. So, Jesus got into one of the boats – the one belonging to Simon. Jesus asked Simon to put out a little way from the shore. Then, sitting down in the boat, Jesus began to teach the crowds again.

When Jesus had finished speaking to the crowd, Jesus said to Simon, "Now put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet, because it is you who is asking me, I will let down the nets again."

When Simon had gone out to the deep water and let down his nets, the nets caught so many fish that they were beginning to tear. So, the men in Peter's boat signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. The other boat pulled alongside, and the crews filled both boats so full of fish that both boats began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw what was happening, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

Amazement seized him and all the other crew members because of the extraordinary catch of fish they had taken; even James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon were amazed.

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be fishing for people."

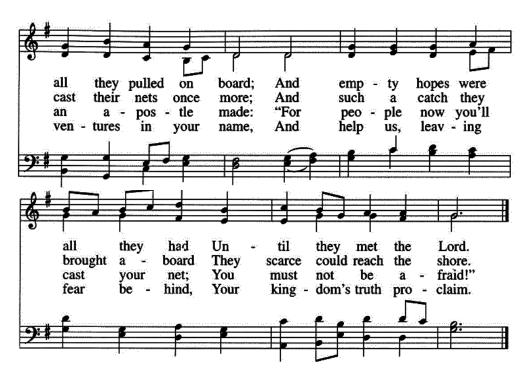
When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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

#### Sermon

# Hymn of the Day





# **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.

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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.

# The Prayers of the Church

# Passing of the Peace

# **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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and responsible . . .

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Holy One . . .

## 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





Post Communion Blessing & Prayer Benediction Recessional



### Dismissal



#### Sunday, February 9th

Last day to donate to Super Cereal Bowl of Caring 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes 11:00 a.m. Worship

#### Monday, February 10th

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

#### Tuesday, February 11th

Polling Station in Fellowship hall 6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

#### Wednesday, February 12th

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group 1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club

### Thursday, February 13th

7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

#### Saturday, February 15th

4:00 p.m. First Communion Class w/ Pastor Chris

#### Sunday, February 16th

8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. NO Sunday School or Confirmation Classes 11:00 a.m. Worship