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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 5, 2023

8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Book of Common Prayer – beginning page 67

10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

We come to silence at the sound of the gong.

To request specific prayers during the service, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer basket in the narthex.

Opening Hymn: CP#393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and

the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

Act of Praise – "Gloria" (Please see insert)

Children's Talk

Collect of the Day

Presider O God of light,

All your Spirit reveals and illumines

your presence in creation.

Shine your radiant holiness into our lives,

so that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work:

to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe,

to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear quard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and

satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9

Reader All Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in the divine commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.

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. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, 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" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For 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. Now 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.

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Gradual Hymn: CP#548 Eye Has Not Seen, Ear Has Not Heard

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-20

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 fulfil. 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."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children

of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP# 502 You Are Salt For The Earth

WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

Presider Merciful God,

All as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills

were gathered together to become one bread,

so let your church be gathered together

from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,

for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ,

now and for ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer – BAS #2 (p 196)

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,

through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,

through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin

Mary and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you,

the God and Creator of all.

In fulfilment of your will

he stretched out his hands in suffering,

to bring release to those who place their hope in you;

and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,

and to give up his life on the cross,

that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,

and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection

he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the

glory of your name.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,

(Please see insert) heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy and gracious God,

accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;

who on the night he was handed over

to suffering and death,

took bread and gave you thanks,

saying, "Take, and eat:

this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,

saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.

When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

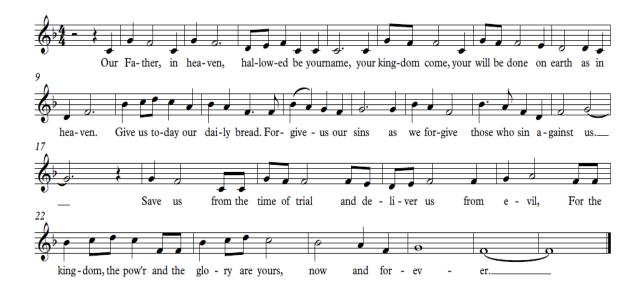
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the

one bread.

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament in front of the altar. You may also indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Our healing prayer ministry is suspended for now.

Communion Music: Lamb of God – see insert

Be Still My Soul

649 Breathe On Me, Breath Of God

Prayer after Communion:

Presider God of abundance,

All with this bread of life and cup of salvation

you have united us with Christ,

making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus

Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Presider Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Blessing

Presider The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,

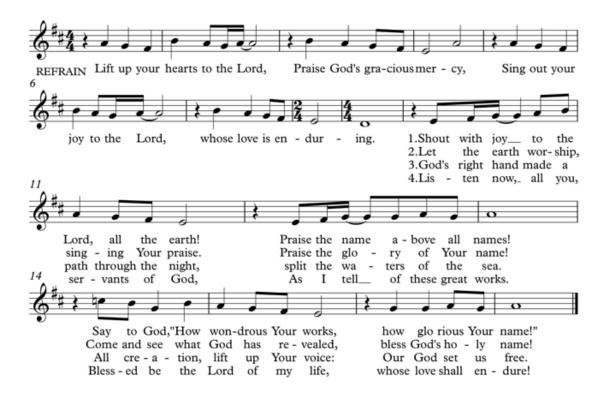
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,

to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit

you may come as one family to the kingdom of God. And the blessing of God: Creating, Redeeming and Sustaining, be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Recessional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts



Dismissal

Presider May Christ, who sends us to the nations,

give us the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.



8:00 am

Presider & Preacher The Rev. Karen Fast Greeter Peter Malcolm First Reading Susan McMillan Second Reading Jane Turpie **Psalm** John Oldale Helen Malcolm **Prayers** Administrant Leslie Glazier Liturgical Assistant **Bruce Winter**

10:00 am

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Flowers Sandra Moore
First Reading Beth Gvora
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