

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN            ELW #665    “Rise, Shine You People”

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
with grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
God's new creation.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

Word

## BIBLE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    ELW #510 - vs. 1, 2    “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

- 1     Word of God, come down on earth,  
living rain from heav'n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth  
faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,  
 Word that brought to life creation,  
 Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 crucified for our salvation,  
 saving Word, the world restoring,  
 speak to us, your love outpouring.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON

“Becoming What Jesus Calls Us to Be”

Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF DAY

ELW #677

“This Little Light of Mine”

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
 ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
 ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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 INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Responses: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING & HYMN      TFF #292      "Give Thanks"

- 1) Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
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- 2) And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
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let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks!

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the triune God,  
 who has put a new song in your mouth  
 and tuned your heart for praise ✠  
 bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN                      ELW #866    "We Are Marching in the Light"

- 1) We are marching in the light of God,  
 we are marching in the light of God. ***(repeat)***  
 We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo-oo,  
 we are marching in the light of God. ***(repeat)***
  
- 2) We are dancing in the light of God,  
 we are dancing in the light of God. ***(repeat)***  
 We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, oo-oo,  
 we are dancing in the light of God. ***(repeat)***
  
- 3) We are praying in the light of God,  
 we are praying in the light of God. ***(repeat)***  
 We are praying, praying, we are praying, oo-oo,  
 we are praying in the light of God. ***(repeat)***
  
- 4) We are singing in the light of God,  
 we are singing in the light of God. ***(repeat)***  
 We are singing, singing, we are singing, oo-oo,  
 we are singing in the light of God. ***(repeat)***

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**