

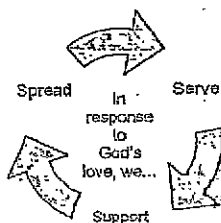
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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Order of Worship – 10:15 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

AS WE GATHER – Today's Readings have one point in common: There is no competition to our great God on any level. In Isaiah's day, the people feared the nations around them. But the prophet reminds them that God is in control of not only nations but His whole creation. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, the people were amazed. But Jesus is ready to conquer the true opposition by preaching and casting out demons in towns throughout the area. The limited expectations about God by Jews and Gentiles alike were a challenge to Paul. But by becoming "all things to all people," he hopes to open their eyes to see the God who offers the blessings of the Gospel to everyone.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Worship Song"

by the Christ Choristers

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

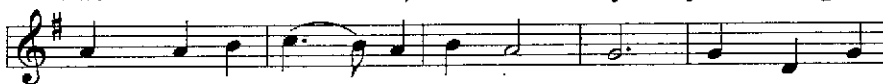
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♪ OPENING HYMN

Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5. Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

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INVOCATION

P *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

P *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
P *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C Amen.

KYRIE

P *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*



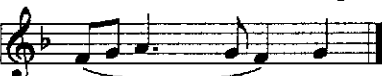
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C And al - so with you.

P *Let us pray.*

All: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Isaiah 40:21-31

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.*

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

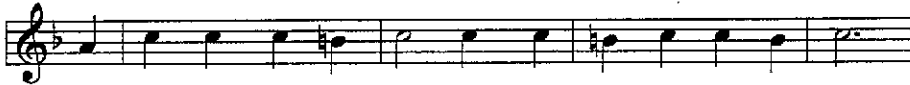
Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - nointed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A kingdom with - out end.

5. O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—
That name to us is Love.

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SERMON

"BEING FIRM AND FLEXIBLE"

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

- I. Society is in a state of constant change.
- II. Our challenge and privilege is to preach, teach and witness to God's unchanging Word in our changing times.

NICENE CREED

- I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were

made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe In one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

by Jeffrey Blersch

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Isaiah 40:22-23, 28-29, 31

- P** *Let us pray for people around the world in their various needs and for the Church wherever it gathers around Word and Sacrament. Isaiah wrote, "The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth." Let us ask God's blessings on all who tend fields, flocks, and fisheries, all who protect wildlife and forests, all who tend parks and gardens.*
- C** **Creator Lord, give them a sense of Your presence to bring forth the fruits of Your good creation. Answer their prayers with good weather and bountiful harvests.**
- P** *Isaiah wrote, "(He) stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and brings princes to nothing," Let us ask God's blessings on governments and citizens, on armed forces and peacemakers.*
- C** **Sovereign Lord, guide and direct those in the powers that be on this earth that they may govern for the benefit of all. Give courage to those who defend freedoms and**

protect communities. Instill wisdom in those who make, administer, and judge laws in each nation, and those who seek peace across their borders.

- P** *Isaiah wrote, "He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength." Let us ask God's blessings on those near and dear to us, [including . . .], on all who are weary and heavy laden, all who struggle in the face of illness or injustice, all mourning the loss of family or friends, employment or home, freedom or opportunity.*
- C** **Strengthening Lord, give them an increase of faith to place their hope in Your power and love. Use doctors and nurses, counselors and emergency workers to answer their prayers with the relief, health, and comfort that fit Your gracious plans for them.**
- P** *Isaiah wrote, "They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles." Let us ask God's blessings on the Church here and around the world, pastors and lay leaders, missionaries and evangelists, teachers and new Christians alike.*
- C** **Lord of the Church, protect Your people against persecution from without and indifference from within; give us all a desire to listen to Your Word, a thirst to serve with the gifts You have placed within us, and a renewal of strength to spread the news of Your gracious salvation.**
- P** *These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.*



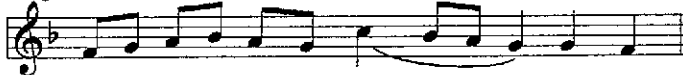
C **And al - so with you.**

- P** *Lift up your hearts.*



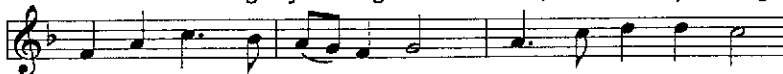
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

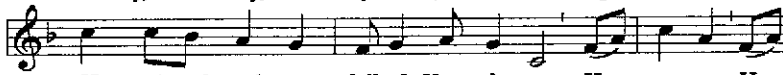


C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in Him we see not only Your almighty power to order creation, but also Your steadfast love to work our eternal salvation. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



C **Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:**



C **Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -**

(continued)

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** *Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for in Your great love You were willing to send Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior, and through Your almighty power You made him victorious over sin, death, and the power of the devil. Gathered to receive His body and His blood in this Sacrament, we pray You to keep us strong in faith to receive the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation they bring. Open our eyes to see You by faith until we behold You at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. To You, heavenly Father, be all glory with the Son and Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*
- C** **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*
- C** **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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.* **C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us share this peace with one another.*
(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

C **Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the**

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Reminder: gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are also available.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

You Who Dwell In the Shelter of the Lord

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To

bide in His shad - ow for life,
fam - ine will bring you no fear;
ar - row that flies by day; Though
guard you in all of your ways; Up -

Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My
Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His
thou - sands fall a - bout you,
on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you

rock in whom I trust!"
faith - ful - ness your shield.
Near you it shall not come.
dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

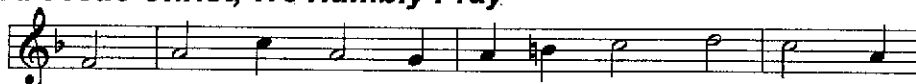
Refrain

And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,

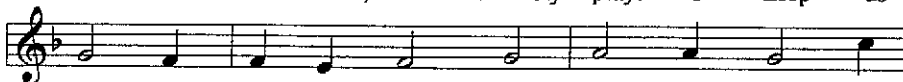
Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the

sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your

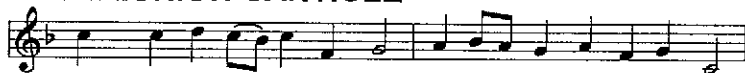


bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

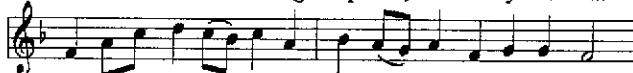
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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

☐ With thankful hearts, we give You praise, gracious Father, for renewing and strengthening our baptismal faith by Your Holy Spirit with the very body and blood of Your Son. Help us to live lives ordered by the power of Your Word; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

BENEDICTION

☞ *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.*



☞ A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

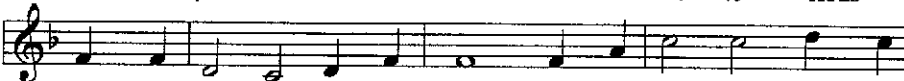
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



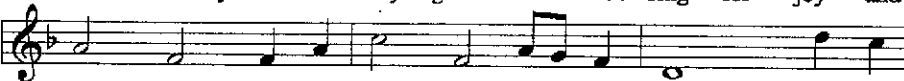
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



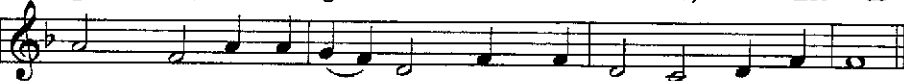
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Total General Offering Blessings – 01/01/18 through 01/31/18.....	\$ 31,654.46
General Fund	16,521.00
E.C.C. Tuition	14,187.62
Loose Plate, Sunday School and Other Gifts.....	945.84
Total Expenditures	39,925.79
Surplus / (Deficit).....	(8,271.33)
Fiscal Year Cumulative Surplus / (Deficit).....	(42,692.35)