

HOLY EUCHARIST

5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude music

Announcements

Greeting

Celebrant We live and work and worship here
on land that has been stewarded by others.

People **We acknowledge the Coast Salish Peoples:
Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh nations.**

Celebrant We are walking a path of reconciliation with God's help.

People **May Christ's love be reflected in our words
and in our actions.**

Gathering Hymn

God whose Almighty Word

Common Praise 560

**God, whose almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel's day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**

**Saviour who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now for all humankind,
let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life giving, holy Dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!**

**Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity:
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!**

Collect of the Day *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

Celebrant O God of light,
People **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

A Reading from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians

the Spirit, not eloquence, brings wisdom...

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.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12

At the conclusion of the scripture, the reader says,

Let those with ears hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 112:1-9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please stand for the Gospel as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Leonard Cohen

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel According to Matthew

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

key ingredients for the kingdom...

'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 underfoot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 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.

MATTHEW 5:13-20

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation

Leonard Cohen

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon

the Venerable Stephanie Shepard

by

Anthem

Benedictus from Missa Sancti Hieronymi, MH 254 *by JM Haydn, arr. PM Liebergen*

Prayers of the People

We speak with God of our concerns, longings, and thanks, followed by an admission that we are all in need of healing and forgiveness beyond our capacity.

Absolution and The Peace

As we forgive we are forgiven, and embrace anew God's promise of peace in our lives.

Celebrant God have mercy upon you,
 + pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

You are invited to greet your neighbour appropriately, respecting each other's comfort with touch.

The gifts of bread and wine are brought forward to represent the love of God for us; the offering plate is brought forward representing our love for God. If you currently contribute to St. Francis-in-the-Wood via Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD), feel free to acknowledge that contribution by placing into the offering plate one of the 3.5" x 2" PAD cards in the pew. If you wish to make an additional or separate donation please fill in the Offering Envelope, also in the pew. Cash, credit cards and cheques are all gratefully accepted. Tax receipts for amounts of \$25 or more will be issued. Thank you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering Hymn

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

Common Praise 559

**Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy;
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.**

**All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us,
you must work all good within us.**

**Glorious Lord, yourself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
Open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises!**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God of righteousness,
People **you reveal your wisdom in Jesus.
Accept all that we offer you today.
May we meet you in the bread and the wine
of this table,
that the Spirit of Christ may shine through us. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

ELW III

("Eucharist" means "good thanksgiving" in Greek)

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People **The Spirit of God is with us.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, Gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,
You have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown
your son, Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Common Praise 735

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, 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.**

Celebrant Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life;
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Celebrant With this bread and this cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
One God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to pray in the language and version closest to your heart:

Celebrant In the words that Jesus taught us, let us pray:
All **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.
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, the power, and the glory
For ever and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life,
And that life is the light of the world.
All **God here among us, Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

Lamb of God

Common Praise 747

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The choir receives and then everyone else comes forward for communion or a blessing. During Communion these hymns may be sung:

The Lord is My Light

Taize chorus

**The Lord is my light,
My light and salvation.
In him* I trust,
In him I trust.**

**(you may substitute "God" for "him")*

Our Darkness is Never Darkness

Common Praise 549

**Our darkness is never darkness in your sight;
The deepest night is clear as the day-light.**

Holy Ground

by C. Beatty

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**This is holy ground
We're standing on holy ground
For the Lord is present
And where He is, is holy
This is holy ground
We're standing on holy ground
For the Lord is present
And where He is is holy**

**These are holy hands
He's given us holy hands
He works through these hands
And so these hands are holy**

**These are holy hands
He's given us holy hands
He works through these hands
And so these hands are holy**

**These are holy lips
He's given us holy lips
He speaks through these lips
And so these lips are holy
These are holy lips
He's given us holy lips
He speaks through these lips
And so these lips are holy**

After Communion

Standing, the community prays in silence.

Celebrant Heavenly King,
All **You have fed us with the food of your banquet.
Fill us now with your spirit of wisdom
That we may go forth as salt and light for the world.
This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

Sending Hymn

You are Salt for the Earth

Common Praise 502

**You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!**

Refrain **Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!**

**You are a light on a hill, O people:
light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God!**

Refrain

**You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice
grow in the kingdom of God!**

Refrain

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God!**

Refrain

Dismissal

Celebrant
All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude