

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 7, 2021

The Service of Morning Prayer

OPENING HYMN

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*



1. Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to  
2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and  
3. Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and  
4. Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star  
King su - preme; And at Ca - na, wed - ding guest,  
faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,  
ho - ly word; May we im - i - tate you now,



To the sag - es from a - far; Branch of roy - al  
In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in  
Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in  
And on us your grace en - dow; That we like to



Da - vid's stem In your birth at Beth - le - hem;  
pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny;



An-thems be to you ad - drest, God in flesh made man-i - fest.  
An-thems be to you ad - drest, God in flesh made man-i - fest.  
An-thems be to you ad - drest, God in flesh made man-i - fest.  
And may praise you ev - er blest, God in flesh made man-i - fest.

*Please note that BCP refers to The Book of Common Prayer should you wish to refer to the prayer book.*

Officiant: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.***

JUBILATE *Psalm 100*

BCP 82

*Officiant and People*

***Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.***

***Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.***

***Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.***

***For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.***

THE PSALM APPOINTED: PSALM 147:1-12, 21C

BCP 804

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 147, to be read in unison.

***Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!***

***The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.***

***He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.***

***He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.***

***Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.***

***The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.***

***Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.***

***He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;***

***He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.***

***He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.***

***He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;***

***But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.  
Hallelujah!***

## THE LESSON

ISAIAH 40:21-31

A reading from the Book of Isaiah:

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord  
***Thanks be to God***

A Reading from the Gospel According to St. Mark:

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Word of the Lord  
***Thanks be to God***

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor

HYMN

*Be still my soul*

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

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Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

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who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

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Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

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through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

*Officiant and People together*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

***People: And also with you.***

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

***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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

**People: We praise your Name for ever.**

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**People: For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

**People: And we shall never hope in vain.**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 216

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### A COLLECT FOR PEACE

BCP 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**



For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Frank our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For those in need of healing: *Ted Atwood, Robbie Jarrell, Paulie Kane, Gregg Graham.* For those who are homebound. For the safety of all those who serve abroad. Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For those celebrating birthdays: *John Hudson, Arielle Kremer, Maurica Bourne, Katie Shepherd, Brien Cardinal, Michele Ellington, and Andrew Jones.* For our partnership with Martinez Elementary School and The Claiborne at West Lake. We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, especially *Timothy Johnson,* and for those who have died from COVID -19 that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

Officiant: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

BLESSING

Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the rich and abundant blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all, evermore. ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

**People (Especially children): Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

*Rejoice ye pure in heart*

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.

*Refrain*

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
re - joice, re - joice,

SERVING TODAY

Officiant/Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor
Lector	Tab Carter
Musician	Dr. Brad Green
Live stream	Mr. William Liebel and Mr. Thomas Saunders

VESTRY

Fred Hoogland, Sr. Warden, Dave Blake, Jr. Warden  
Mallory Halterman , Pam Vanscoy,  
Tab Carter , Bill Liebel

The Mission of Holy Comforter

Love God, Love Others

Serve God, Serve Others