



Worship with Communion The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

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Welcome! We're glad you chose to worship with us today!

♪ Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Praise the source of faith and learning who has sparked and stoked the mind
with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.

Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey
keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray:

God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art
and the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.

Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound
where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought
has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.

May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed
lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow
till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow,
blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course
till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, their Source.

Words: Thomas H Troeger, 1987. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H Prichard, 1830.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from
you no secrets are hid: 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.

People AMEN!

♪ Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia alleluia!

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. 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, now and for ever.

People AMEN!

Old Testament

Reader A reading of Isaiah chapter 40, verses 21 through 31.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Unison Reading

Reader Let us read in unison Psalm 147, verses 1 through 12.

All Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise! The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem and gathers the exiles of Israel. The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. The Lord counts the number of stars and calls them all by their names. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to the wisdom of God. 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. The Lord covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve humankind. The Lord provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry. The Lord is not impressed by the might of a horse and has no pleasure in human strength, but finds pleasure in those who fear God, in those who await the gracious favor of the Lord. Hallelujah!

New Testament

Reader A reading of 1 Corinthians chapter 9, verses 16 through 23.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I

myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Mark 1. 29-39

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!

Prayers of the People

Reader Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world.

People God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

Reader We pray for the entire Body of Christ, especially for the clergy and people of The Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and St James Episcopal Church.

People Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.

- Reader* We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.
- People* **Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach, and nurture your disciples.**
- Reader* We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch.
- People* **Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.**
- Reader* We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.
- People* **Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**
- Reader* We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life, and waters around us.
- People* **Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.**
- Reader* We lift up the prayers of our church family. God of radiant light, your love illuminates our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask.
- People* **Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us.**
- Reader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
- People* **Jesus, God with us, hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
- All* **AMEN!**
- Reader* Let us confess our sins to God.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN!

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People AMEN!

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

All O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!

Celebrant To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

All AMEN!

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

♪ Womb of Life and Source of Being

Womb of life and source of being, home of ev'ry restless heart,
 In your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start.
 We your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare.
 Sharing stories, tears and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,
 You have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.
 Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of Life and Death of Death,
 Risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.
 When our mem'ry fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.
 Labor with us; aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,
 Free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:
 We would praise your name forever, one-in-three and three-in-one.
 We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new,
 Ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

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Celebrant Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and key signature of one flat. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of

pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,

all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who

comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in

the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,

Christ the Lord will come
again.

Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

A - - - men,
a - - - men.

A - - - men,
a - - - men.

Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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. 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!

Breaking Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We Will Take What You Offer

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We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word; we will love one an -
 oth - er and be fed by you Lord. We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word;
 we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you Lord.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.

People In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. AMEN!

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Mysterious God, we thank you for feeding us with yourself, and for making yourself known to us in the holy child, Jesus the Christ. Let us carry within our hearts your Holy Spirit—that same Spirit which was in Jesus—so that we may help bring your Light, Peace, and Love to all the earth. We pray in the Name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. AMEN!

Blessing for Epiphany Season

Celebrant May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

Celebrant May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

Celebrant May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

♪ Go Now with God

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Go now with God, go now with God.

Into the world as a servant, Go now with God, go now with God

Go now, go now, go now with God. Go now, go now, go now with God.

Offering a hand to a stranger, Go now with God, go now with God.

Trusting in the risen savior, Go now with God, go now with God.

Go now, go now, go now with God. Go now, go now, go now with God.

Waters of mercy have found us, Go now with God, go now with God.

Grace on the journey surrounds us, Go now with God, go now with God.

Go now, go now, go now with God. Go now, go now, go now with God.

Crossing ev'ry boundary, ev'ry nation, Go now with God, go now with God.

Dancing in the gift of liberation, Go now with God, go now with God.

Go now, go now, go now with God. Go now, go now, go now with God.

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Sending

Celebrant Go forth bearing the Light of Christ to the world! Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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CORE VALUES

OF ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH (MANITOWOC, WI)

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Vestry on 11/14/2019

The Core Values of our congregation help answer the question: *Why do we do what we do around here?* They express what we stand for, what we're about, and what makes us different from other congregations.

Our Core Values express our congregation's unique culture, helping guests and newcomers quickly learn important things about us. They guide our decision making, goal setting, ministry priorities, budgeting, and best use of human and material resources.

Our Core Values are deeply held by the congregation and have been demonstrated in actions. They are actual, not aspirational. The Vestry identified and articulated these Core Values through intentional study of the words and actions of our congregation from 2012 to present.

WE VALUE ACCEPTANCE & OPEN-MINDEDNESS

All people need a place where they can feel safe and have a sense of belonging. We value differences, embrace brokenness, and see God in all who we encounter. We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. We offer support, encouragement, and forgiveness to all people.

WE VALUE CREATIVITY, FLEXIBILITY, & INNOVATION

As the world evolves, so do the ways we reach out to people. We learn from the ways Jesus challenged the status quo in encouraging others to love God and neighbor. We expect the unexpected and try to be open and agile in our responses. We are approachable and authentic in our worship, relationships, and ministries. We are all learning and growing, and we believe that leads to change. We seek to use all the unique skills, gifts, and passions God has given us to share.

WE VALUE SHARING GOD'S LOVE

The Good News is that God loves all people, and we joyfully share that message with the world. We are broken people discovering healing together; we love people who are hurting and do what we can to help with physical, emotional, and spiritual pain. We listen for the needs of our community and respond with the resources God has entrusted to our care. We make a difference by serving our community and world.