

Welcome to
Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!

YOUTH GROUP
SOUPER BOWL
SUNDAY



with
Bishop Loya

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord
February 7, 2021

For 134 years, Saint Mary's has been
a Christ-centered community
with a mission to express God's love for all people.

Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Revelation in Jerusalem

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Song

sung by Sunday School children

Opening Collect

Leader Merciful God, in Christ you make all things of ours new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace.

Jesus, when you call us to challenge authority, help us to follow closely your example and that we may be ready to suffer for the truth, to give whatever glory there may be to God.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

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.

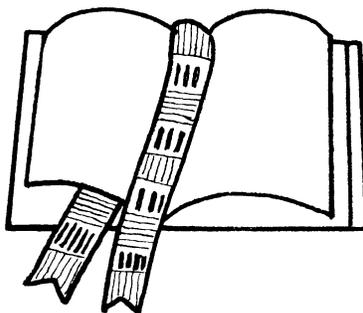
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 147:2-3
People **The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the
brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians: 9:16-23
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.

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Gradual

Open Your Ears (vs. 1, refrain)

Hymnal #536

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Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

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

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

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Right Reverend Craig Loya
X Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota

The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya was consecrated the X Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota on June 6, 2020. Bishop Loya served as Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Omaha, Nebraska, from 2013-2020, and was the Canon to the Ordinary in the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas from 2009-2013. He received his Master of Divinity from Yale University and a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale in 2002. Joining Bishop Loya in Minnesota are his wife, Melissa, and their two children.

Statement of Belief and Baptismal Covenant

People **We trust in God who is always making things new. We trust in Jesus, risen from the dead. We trust in the Spirit, always calling us to new life.**

Leader And now we join with our Episcopal brothers and sisters in translating the beliefs in our hearts to action in our lives, in these Baptismal questions:
Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of the People

Sung response:

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics 'God, our good - ness, Light a - bove. God of all wis - dom and light of all' are written below the staff. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the bass clef staff. The second system continues the melody with a quarter note D5, followed by a half note E5. The lyrics 'lo - ve.' are written below the staff. The piano accompaniment continues with chords in the bass clef staff.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors;
For those on the “front lines” and for those who are alone;
For this community, our nation and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom and peace;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression;
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

People *<Sung response>*

Leader For those who minister to the friendless, and the needy;
For all the sick, infirmed, in nursing homes and hospitals;
For peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the truth;
For Craig our Bishop, for all Bishops and all other ministers;
For all who serve God in the church.

People *<Sung response>*

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own Thanksgivings.

For your mercy is great.

People *<Sung response>*

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own Petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness shine upon them.

People *<Sung response>*

Blessings, Prayers, and Thanksgivings

Speak up if you've got a birthday, anniversary, transition, concern or thanksgiving to share.

Peace

Leader The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

People God be in my head and in my thinking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my loving.
God be in my hands and in my giving. Amen.

Bishop God be with you.
People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to God.

Bishop Let us give thanks to God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Bishop It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, Source of life and fountain of kindness. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Christ and knit us into one body.

People Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Bishop Therefore, joining with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say,

People Holy, Holy, Holy,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God,
Hosanna in the highest.

Bishop Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
People You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

Bishop You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

People Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Bishop Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely the life you called him to, he overcame death opening the way of freedom and life.

Bishop Today we remember that Jesus took bread and wine, blessed it and gave it to his disciples to eat and drink. We remember what Jesus said, “do this in remembrance of me.” While we are not able to receive Communion today, let us say together the prayer for Spiritual Communion.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*Bishop &
People*

Gracious God, You stand at the door of our hearts and knock. You wait for us and we only can let you in. We believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill us with your presence. Nourish us with your body and unite us in your blood, that we may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen

Short time of silence

Lord's Prayer

Leader And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **Our creator, who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven,
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Song

Announcements

Final Blessing

Bishop May Christ's bright star enlighten our minds and hearts as we strive for equality, justice and kindness in the world. May the blessing of God: creator, redeemer and sustainer, be with us today.

Closing Song

Hands of Healing

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Dismissal

Deacon *The Deacon says the words of dismissal.*

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude



SOURCES

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