

**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Morning Prayer**  
**February 7, 2021**  
**10:00am**



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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## OPENING SENTENCE

Alleluia! How good it is to sing praises to God; how pleasant it is to honor God with praise! *Psalm 147:1*

## ENTRANCE HYMN “Immortal, invisible, God only wise” (H 423)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,  
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;  
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see  
al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the people:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and people together:*

**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 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.**

*The Officiant alone stands and says:* 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.*

*Officiant:* I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." (*Psalm 122:1*)

*People:* **Come let us worship.**

**CANTICLE – Phos hilaron “O Gracious Light” (H 26)**

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of  
Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through  
blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

**PSALM: 147**

- 1 Alleluia! How good it is to sing praises to you, O God; \*  
how pleasant it is to honor you with praise!
- 2 For you rebuild Jerusalem \*  
and gather the exiles of Israel.
- 3 You heal the brokenhearted \*  
and bind up their wounds.
- 4 You count the number of stars \*  
and call them all by their names.
- 5 Great are you and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to your wisdom.
- 6 You lift up the lowly, \*  
but cast the wicked to the ground.
- 7 We sing to you, Most High, with thanksgiving; \*

- we make music to you upon the harp,  
 8 For you cover the heavens with clouds \*  
 and prepare rain for the earth;  
 9 You make grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
 and green plants to serve humankind.  
 10 You provide food for flocks and herds \*  
 and for the young ravens when they cry.  
 11 You are not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
 you have no pleasure in human strength;  
 12 But you have pleasure in those who fear you, \*  
 in those who await your gracious favor. Alleluia!

**FIRST 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.      *People:* **Thanks be to God**

**SEQUENCE HYMN “Heal me, hands of Jesus” (H 773)**



1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
 me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.  
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.  
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

## **SECOND READING: Mark 1:29-39**

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## **SERMON**

**Rev Sandi Albom**

### **NICENE CREED**

**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:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.**

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE:** Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

**OFFERTORY** "I want to walk as a child of the light," by Kathleen Thomerson;  
Alan Druckenmiller, voice; Chris Pryce, violin.

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as 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.**

## RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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. *Amen.*

### **COLLECT FOR TRANSITION**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, as we enter a time of transition in our community. Guide the minds and hearts of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sins nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **COLLECT FOR MISSION**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(The Prayers are led by the intercessor and followed by his response)*

*Intercessor: Loving God People: **Receive our prayer***

*Intercessions are welcome at this time*

### **PRAYER LIST AND PRAYERS FROM THOSE GATHERED ONLINE**

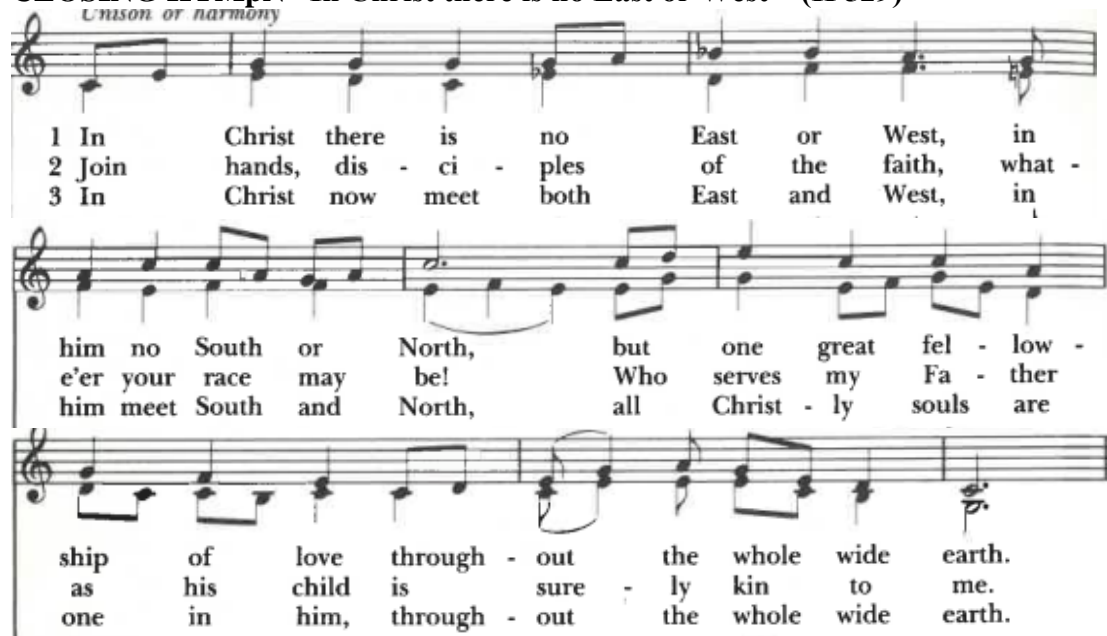
**CONCLUDING PRAYER:** *Officiant and People*

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our very best efforts and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen**

### **BLESSING**

## CLOSING HYMPN "In Christ there is no East or West" (H 529)

*Unison or harmony*



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in  
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are  
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

### CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Glory to God 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. Ephesians 3:20,21*

### DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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### PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

- **Homebound:** Mary Jane, William & Barbara, Melissa, Lucy, Fran, and Sandy Moore
- **Healing:** Donea, Chris & Ashling, Gail, Sheila, Guss III, Dolly, Travis & Jaylin, Irene, Beth & Ethan, Winn, Maggie, Matthew Briggs, Rick Buckley, Fred S., Allan, Manny, Ryan, Sue, Chris, Maggie, Doreen, Dusty, for Cecile who recently passed, for the repose of the soul of Duane and for his family, for those residing and working in nursing homes and hospitals, and for COVID victims around the world and for those who mourn.
- **Birthday this week:** William Gibbs