

**Grace Episcopal Church**  
**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 7, 2021**  
**Morning Prayer, Rite 2**

Book of Common Prayer

**PRELUDE**

*Father, We Praise Thee* - French church melody, 18th cen.

**GREETING**

**OPENING SENTENCE**

*"I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ~ Isaiah 60:3*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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*The Officiant says to the people.*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept*

*Officiant and People together,*

**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.**

**THE ABSOLUTION**

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

**INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

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*Officiant:* Lord open our lips.

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

**GLORIA (All)**

**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.**

**ANTIPHON**

The Lord has shown forth his glory: **Come let us adore Him.**

**VENITE**

*In unison*

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**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

*Variations on "All Glory Be to God on High" - N. Decius, 1541*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> **He counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup> Great is our LORD and mighty in power;  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD lifts up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God upon the harp.

<sup>8</sup> **He covers the heavens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth;**

<sup>9</sup> He makes grass to grow upon the mountains  
and green plants to serve mankind.

<sup>10</sup> **He provides food for flocks and herds  
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

<sup>11</sup> He is not impressed by the might of a horse;  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

<sup>12</sup> **But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear  
him, in those who await his gracious favor.**

<sup>21</sup> Hallelujah!

**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.**

#### A READING FROM 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.

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

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

*What God Ordains is Good* - M. Reger

## READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF 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.

Hear what the Holy Spirit is Saying to the Church: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 16 ~ *The Song of Zachariah*     *In unison*

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A TIME OF SILENCE - *A bell will sound three times.*

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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THE LORD'S PRAYER     *traditional*

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## THE COLLECT FOR 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 PEACE

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Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

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Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**WE PRAY FOR ALL OF WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS -- THOSE WHO ARE SICK, THOSE WHO'VE DIED, AND THOSE WHO MOURN.**

*Silence*

**AS WE PRAYERS FOR THE FOLKS ON OUR PRAYER LIST ...**

for all who are traveling, especially **Josey Parker** and **Cameron Klass** ...

and those with special needs:

**Becky** Clodfelter, **Stella** Cappel, **Mark** Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Bobby** Allgood, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Barbara** Beck, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Andrea** Cain, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Johanna** Dresser, **Suzanne** Eller, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Frances** Garner, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Jan** Greer, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Elizabeth** Harvey, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Joe** Koontz, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Will** Holmes, **Jon** Huff, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Brinkley** Johnson, **Anne** King, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Sean** Sullivan, **Clarice and Henry** Surratt, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Susan** Whetmore, **Bill** Whitehurst, **Flynn** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

✦ *At this time, you may offer your prayers in the comments bar on Facebook so that we may pray with you through the week.*

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

*O For a Closer Walk With God - G. Young*

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

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**DISMISSAL**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

**POSTLUDE**

*In Christ There is No East or West (African-American Spiritual) - D. Cherwien*

**Service Leader:** Staley Nance

**Lector:** Jim Nance

**Audio Visual:** David Jones, Pam Harvey