

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2024

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.
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The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *Prelude in D major, BWV 532* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Mi Zhou, Organ

THE WORD OF GOD

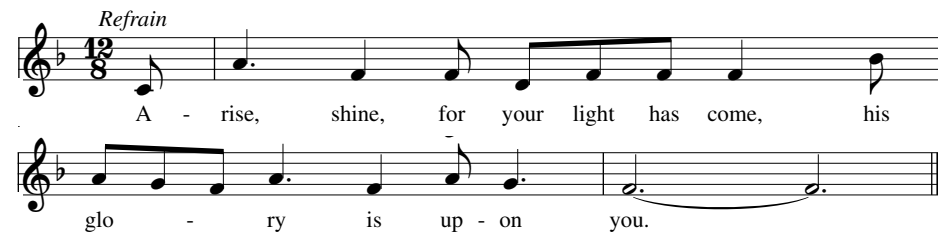
Processional Hymn 135: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

People **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. Amen.**

Canticle of Praise: *Arise, Shine*



Arise, shine, for your light has **come**, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the **land**; *
deep gloom enshrouds the **peoples**. *Refrain*

But over you the Lord shall **rise**, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your **light**, *
and kings to the brightness of your **dawning**. *Refrain*

Your gates will always be **open**; *
by day or night they will never be **shut**.
They will call you, The City of the **Lord**, *
The Zion of the Holy One of **Israel**. *Refrain*

Violence will no more be heard in your **land**, *
ruin or destruction within your **borders**.
Your will call your walls, **Salvation**, *
and all your portals, **Praise**,

† The sun will no more be your light by **day**; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the **moon**. *Refrain*

Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: *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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c



The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

To whom will we compare you, Holy One, the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth? Be near to us and receive our prayers for your church, your world, and your people. *Brief silence* Holy One, you never faint or grow weary: heal and empower your church, entrusted with a commission to bear the Good News to all the earth. We ask that you bless the people of St. Andrew's in our ministries in our community and the world.

People **Great is our God and mighty in power.**

Help us to do the good work you have given us to do. O God, you have bound us together in this bundle of life; give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of our fellow human beings; that we may be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them. **Great is our God and mighty in power.** (*Reinhold Niebuhr*)

Gracious God, guide our nation and the leaders of this and every land, that we may all work for healing and reconciliation. Make us ever mindful of the welfare of the people we are called to serve, and give us wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for justice and peace. **Great is our God and mighty in power.**

Loving and liberating Creator, send your healing Spirit upon all involved in the conflict and violence in the Middle East. Comfort those who mourn and those who have been harmed by brutality. Stand with those who are fearful. Protect and provide for the powerless and the vulnerable. Inspire and uphold those who even now work for a just and durable peace. **Great is our God and mighty in power.**

Holy One, you give power to the faint and strength to the powerless: lift up all who suffer from illness or fear. *Pause* Surround them with you healing presence and give them the peace that only you can provide. **Great is our God and mighty in power.**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those who are dear to us. *Pause* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. **Great is our God and mighty in power.**

We pray for all those whom we love but see no longer, remembering especially The Rev. Lew Towler, who died this week; Allin Luther, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning; and all those we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

God of all creation, you are beyond the reach of our highest thought, and yet within the heart of the lowliest; come to us, we pray, in the beauty of light, in the tenderness of love, in the liberty of truth. Mercifully help us to work for justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Sanctify all our desires and purposes, and let your blessing rest upon each of us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*
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.

Celebrant 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.**

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The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: Ain'a That Good News Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh
The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Children's Entrance Hymn: Heal Me, Lord

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus: Freedom Mass

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
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 for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Those Who Eat My Flesh

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the wafer in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Anthem: Joy in My Heart arr. Rollo Dillworth (b.1970)
The St. Andrew's Junior Choir

Communion Hymn 325: Let Us Break Bread Together

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 423: Immortal, Invisible

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Fugue in D major, BWV 532

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J.S. Bach