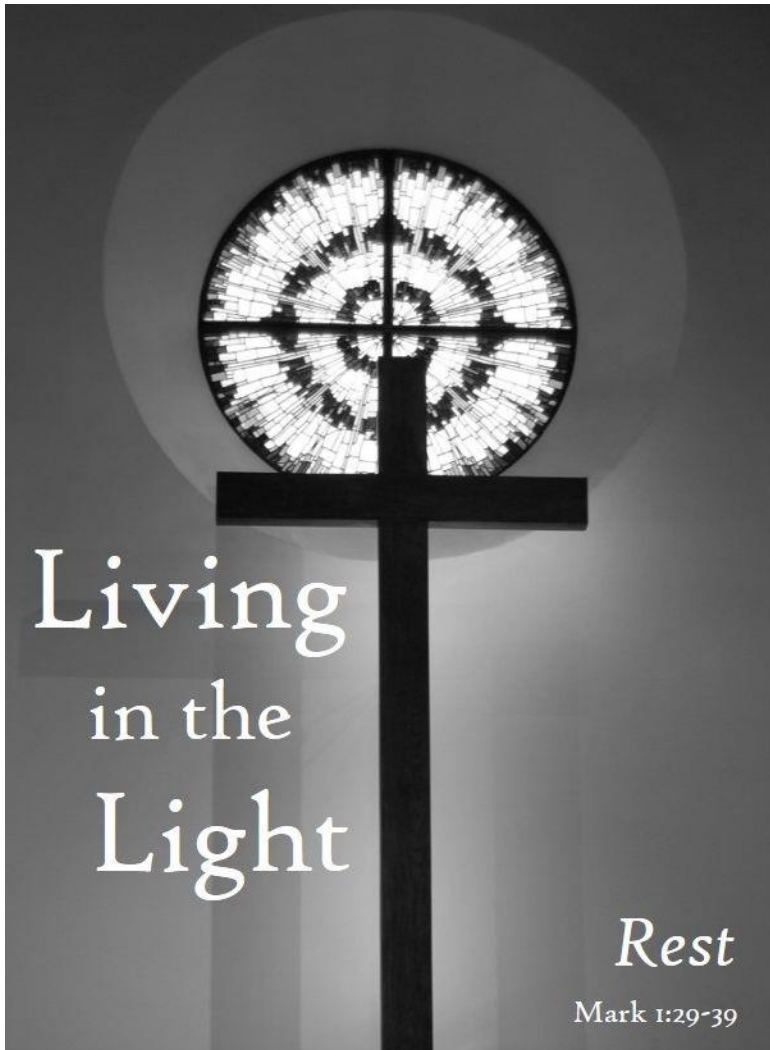


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**A Community of Faith:** *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



**Order of Worship**

February 7, 2021 9:45 AM

# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

## Divine Service

### Invocation for the Epiphany Season

**P** This is the day the Lord has made;

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Psalm 118:24*

**P** Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

*Isaiah 60:1*

**C** We have seen His star and have come  
to worship Him!

*Matthew 2:2*

**P** Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

**C** And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

*Isaiah 60:1*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

**C** Amen.

### Opening Song

Awesome in this Place

*Billington*

*Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus*

#### VERSE

As I come in - to — Your pres - ence, —  
past the gates — of praise, — in - to Your sanc - tu - ar -  
y — till we're stand - ing face — to face; — I  
look up - on Your coun - te - nance, I see the

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full - ness of Your grace, and I can  
 on - ly bow down and say. "You are  
**CHORUS**  
 awe - some in this place, Might - y God, You are  
 awe - some in this place, Ab - ba Fa - ther, You are  
 wor - thy of all praise, to You our lives we raise,  
 — You are awe - some in this place, Might - y God."

## Prayer of Confession

- P** Heavenly Father, as we come in the name of Jesus, confident that with you there is forgiveness, we ask you to hear the confession of our sins.
- C** **Often we do not follow the guiding light of your Word, but turn to the artificial lights of sin which Satan has placed on our path.**
- P** Many times our thoughts and words, our intentions and our actions have been sinful.
- C** **We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In our sin, we have fallen short of the glory of God, and have no power to free ourselves from our sinful condition.**

*We pause for silent confession and reflection*

- P** For all our sins – those known to us and others, and those known only to you,  
**C** **We ask you Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**Song of Confession**

Healing Grace

*Chisum, Sadler*

*Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus*

**CHORUS**



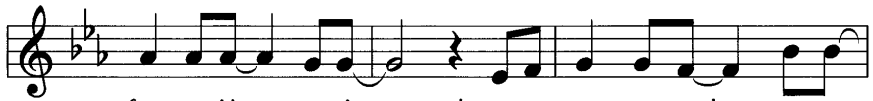
Mer - ci - ful God and Fa - ther, lov - ing us like no oth - er.



hear our prayer, the cry of our hearts, as we come to



You; We ac-knowl-edge our trans-gres-sions, we con-



fess to You our sins, show us mer-cy and com-pas



- sion, touch our lives with Your heal - ing grace a



- gain.

Re -

**VERSE**



lease us from the past, as we seek Your

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face; Wash us free at last, we re -

ceive Your love, we re - ceive Your heal - ing grace.

We re - ceive Your love, we re - ceive Your heal - ing

*D.C. al Coda* *Fine*

grace. gain.

## Absolution

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

## Psalm

*Psalm 147:1–11*

*Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

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

<sup>4</sup>**He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the humble;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!

**<sup>8</sup>He covers the heavens with clouds;  
he prepares rain for the earth;  
he makes grass grow on the hills.**

<sup>9</sup>He gives to the beasts their food,  
and to the young ravens that cry.

**<sup>10</sup>His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

<sup>11</sup>but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Prayer

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:21–31*

<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>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 dwell in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows on them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>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”?

<sup>28</sup>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.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but they 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 9:16–27*

<sup>16</sup>For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>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 not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:29–39*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>And immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

<sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed 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.

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them,



“Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## Sermon Song

### The Power of Your Love

*Bullock*

*Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus*

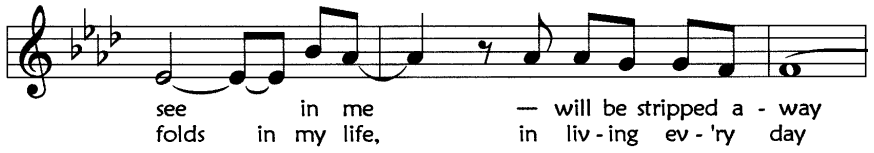
Verse

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, re - newed,  
Lord, un-veil my eyes, let me see You, face to face,

— flow - ing from the grace that I've found in  
the know-ledge of Your love, as You live in



You;  
me;                      And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I  
And Lord, re-new my mind,                      — as Your will un-



see                      in me                      — will be stripped a-way  
folds                      in my life,                      in liv-ing ev-'ry day

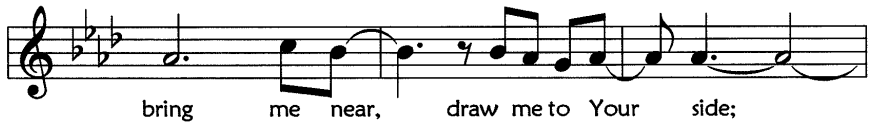


by the pow'r of Your love. \_\_\_\_\_  
by the pow'r of Your love. \_\_\_\_\_

Chorus



Hold me close,                      let Your love sur-round me,



bring me near,                      draw me to Your side;



And as I wait                      I'll rise up like the ea -



gle,                      and I will soar with You,                      Your Spir-it leads me



on                      in the pow'r of Your love. \_\_\_\_\_

“Rest”

Mark 1:29–39

**Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer**

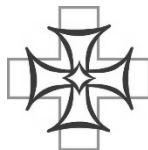
- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Response after each petition*

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
  - C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray together:
  - C** **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 forever  
and ever. Amen.**

**Benediction**

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**



**Song****What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

7 February 2021

### Readings

Isaiah 40:21–31

1 Corinthians 9:16–27

Mark 1:29–39

### ***The Son of God, Christ Jesus, Makes Us a New Creation***

The Lord alone *“is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth”* (Is. 40:28). He *“sits above the circle of the earth”* and *“stretches out the heavens like a curtain”* (Is. 40:22). Yet, His almighty power is demonstrated chiefly by His mercy and compassion. *“He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength”* (Is. 40:29). The only begotten Son of the Father, the very Word by whom all things were made, becomes flesh and takes all the poverty and weakness of our sin and death upon Himself, bearing it in His body to the cross. As He dies for us there, He also raises us up, a new creation, in His resurrection from the dead. Thus, by the preaching of this Word, He heals *“many who were sick with various diseases,”* and He casts out *“many demons”* (Mark 1:34, 39). And His preaching continues through those whom He has sent, who are *“entrusted with a stewardship”* to *“preach the gospel”* (1 Cor. 9:16–17). Thus, we are set free by the Word of Christ, and we exercise our freedom in loving service to others.



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

14 February 2021

### Readings

2 Kings 2:1–12 or Exodus 34:29–35

2 Corinthians 3:12–13 (14–18); 4:1–6

Mark 9:2–9

### ***The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God***

It was *“a hard thing”* that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken *“by a whirlwind into heaven.”* Although *“chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them,”* Elisha received Elijah’s cloak and a *“double portion”* of his spirit for preaching the Lord’s Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when *“the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God”* (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after *“he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai,”* Moses *“put a veil over his face”* (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and *“only through Christ is it taken away”* (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold *“the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,”* who is *“the image of God”* (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, *“listen to him,”* and fix your sights on *“Jesus only”* (Mark 9:7–8).

