

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

10 AM, HOLY EUCHARIST,

Prelude

Omo l'a o fi Gbe (Glory Be to the Lord)

Godwin Sadoh

Opening Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

(NICAEA)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.



People **And also with you.**

Celebrant
All **Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Act of Praise: Glory to God

(HYMN 686)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant **Let us pray.
Living God, in Christ, you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of
your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known
your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Merciful Lord,**



grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

ISAIAH 58:1–9A

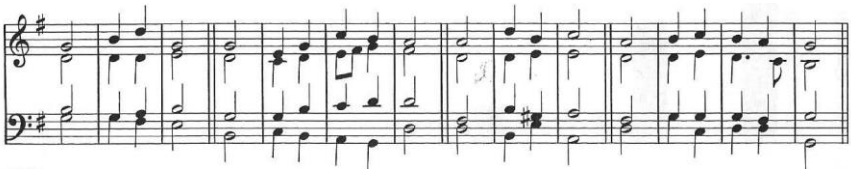
Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.





1. Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the ¹ Lord *
and have great de¹light in ¹ his com¹mandments!
 2. Their descendants will be ¹ mighty · in the ¹ land; *
the generation of the ¹ upright ¹ will be ¹ blessed
 3. Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their ¹ house, *
and their ¹ righteousness · will ¹ last for ¹ ever
 4. Light shines in the ¹ darkness · for the ¹ upright; *
the righteous are ¹ merciful · and ¹ full of · com¹passion.
 - †5. It is good for them to be ¹ generous · in ¹ lending *
and to ¹ manage · their aff¹airs with ¹ justice
 6. For they will ¹ never · be ¹ shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in ¹ ever¹lasting · re¹membrance.
 7. They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil ¹ rumours; *
their heart is right; they ¹ put their ¹ trust · in the ¹ Lord.
 8. Their heart is established and ¹ will not ¹ shrink, *
until they see their de¹sire up¹on their ¹ enemies.
 9. They have given ¹ freely · to the ¹ poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will ¹ hold up · their ¹ head with ¹ honor.
- Glory be to the Father, and ¹ to the ¹ Son, **
and ¹ to the ¹ Holy ¹ Spirit:
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ¹ ever ¹ shall be, **
world without ¹ end. ¹ Ä'men.



A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1–12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 458 Seek Ye First

(SEEK YE FIRST)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.

Reader

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Reader

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

MATTHEW 5:13–20



People

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of Christ.

People

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Response: Listen, God is Calling

(NENO LAKE MUNGU)

Listen, God is calling through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

Guest Speaker: Dr Joy Mighty

The Nicene Creed

The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the creed.

Celebrant Let us confess our faith as we say,

All

**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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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 neighbours 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 upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.



People **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn This Little Light of Mine *(THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE)*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!

Jesus gave it to me ...

Shine, shine, shine

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,**



**heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return



to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

All **Amen**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom
to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

All **Amen**

Celebrant Join our prayers and praise
with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

All **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All **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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread



Celebrant "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

The Communion

Lamb of God

HYMN 735

Communion Hymn 62 Come, Let Us Eat

(A VA DE)

Come, let us eat for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In his presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's might word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Anthem: African Psalm

P. LIEBERGEN

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling.
May we who share in this heavenly banquet be
instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus
Christ the Lord **Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **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.**





The Dismissal

Celebrant May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace. **Amen.;**
and now may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Then the deacon or the celebrant says,

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 502 You Are Salt for the Earth

(BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM)

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring for the kingdom of peace:
bring froth the kingdom of justice, bring for the city of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright O people: shine for the kingdom of God!
Refrain

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God!
Refrain

Postlude

A va de (Come, Let Us Eat)

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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