



The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II
Saturday, February 6, 2021 5:30 pm

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymnal #135

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.
When from there thou leddest them steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest.

Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Collect for Purity

Trisagion – *repeated three times*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

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.**

The Lessons

The First Reading: *Isaiah 40:21-31*

²¹Have 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? ²²It 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; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely 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. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift 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. ⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have 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. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but 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.

Psalm: *Psalm 147:1-12, 21c*

¹**Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³**He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.**

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

⁵**Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.**

⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷**Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.**

⁸**He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;**

⁹**He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.**

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

¹¹**He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**

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

^{21c} **Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: *Corinthians 9:16-23*

¹⁶If 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! ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸What 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.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

²⁰To 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. ²¹To 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. ²²To 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. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Gospel: *Mark 1:29-39*

²⁹[When Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And 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.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He 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." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Sermon

Prayers of the People

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
 People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.***
 Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .
 . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

People ***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 We give thanks to you, O God . . .
 . . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;
 And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .
 . . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
 Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread**Fraction Anthem**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
 People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***
 Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal #529

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples in the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north,
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: Oxenham/Music: Afro-American spiritual McKee

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymnal #490

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

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