



Epiphany 5

St. Augustine's Church
February 7, 2021

- 1 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

- 2 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.

- 3 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

- 4 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the new-born souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

The Collect of the Day

Holy God, your Son's authority is found in integrity and living truth, not the assertion of power over others. Open our imagination to new dimensions of your love, and heal us of all that severs us from you and one another, that we may grow into the vision you unfold before us. **Amen.**

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

- 1 Alleluia! How good it is to sing praises to you, O God; *
how pleasant it is to honor you with praise!
- 2 For you rebuild Jerusalem *
and gather the exiles of Israel.
- 3 You heal the brokenhearted *
and bind up their wounds.

- 4 You count the number of the stars *
and call them all by their names.
- 5 Great are you and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to your wisdom.
- 6 You lift up the lowly, *
but cast the wicked to the ground.
- 7 We sing to you, Most High, with thanksgiving; *
we make music to you upon the harp,
- 8 For you cover the heavens with clouds *
and prepare rain for the earth;
- 9 You make grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve humankind.
- 10 You provide food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 You are not impressed by the might of a horse; *
you have no pleasure in human strength;
- 12 But you have pleasure in those who fear you, *
in those who await your gracious favor.
- 21 Alleluia!

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If 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! For 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. What 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.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. 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 I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To 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. To

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. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark

People **Glory to you O Christ.**

The Holy Gospel 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.

After the gospel has been read:

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Vicar

A period of silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

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 human. 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified and 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.

The Prayers of the People

We invite you to add your intercessions either silently or aloud after each bidding.

Reader: Let us pray that the Morning Star will shine for the church, the world, and all those in need. That the church may be radiant with the Gospel and draw all people to the boundless riches of your love. **We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Nicholas, our Bishop; for the people of God, gathered from every nation under heaven; may we proclaim in every language, the dawning of a new age. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Beloved, Pascoag.**

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That nations will be led by your wisdom, and leaders serve with justice and righteousness to scatter the clouds of hatred and oppression.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those who are depressed, lonely, or sick may be nursed by your healing power and rest in the arms of your comfort.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That we would share our abundance of wealth and grace with those who live in poverty of riches and spirit.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those whose lives and cultures differ from our own may find welcome among us.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those who are filled with doubt and struggle to believe may be led by the Holy Spirit to acclaim your love incarnate in Jesus Christ.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer**

Reader: That those who have died and now behold your great epiphany may surround us until we come to the brightness of your dawning.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: In commemoration of their birthdays, we give thanks for the gift of their lives and for their presence among us: Annette LaRosa, Donna Antaya, Dorald Beasley, Laural Hampton Fratus, Carson Javery, John Hall, Jr. and Corey Richardson.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer**

Together God of grace and glory you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collects

The Vicar

Celebrant **Summing all of our prayers, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:**

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 forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ is our calling 577

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Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.
Loving him, let each love Christ in one another.

Refrain God is love, and where true love is God himself is there.

When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be always present here among us.

Refrain

Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

Refrain

Closing Hymn
Blessing

Dismissal

Dismissal response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Announcement

Special envelopes/offerings for maintenance & repairs are very welcome in January.



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