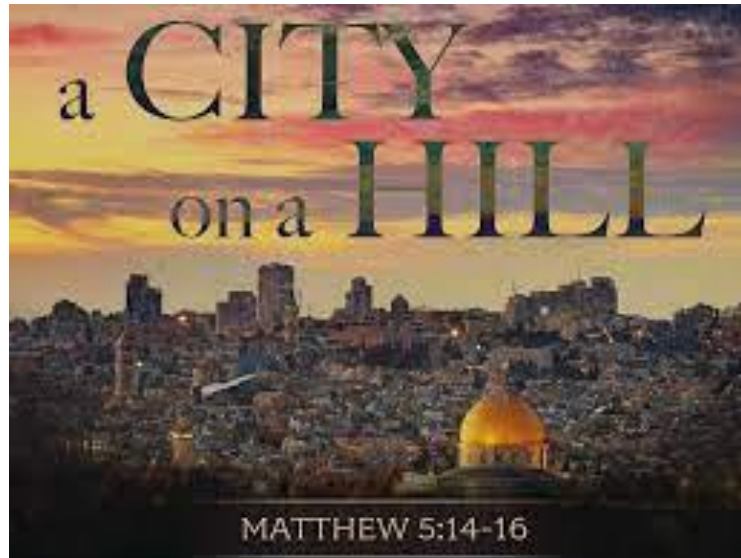


Welcome to St. John's Church



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God
and the Celebration of the Holy Communion*

*Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.
Please return them after the Service.*

Choral Prelude *Illumina Faciem Tuam* Carlo Gesualdo (1566-1613)

Translation: Make thy face to shine upon thy servant, and save me in thy mercy; O Lord, let me not be confounded, for I have called upon thee.

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 7 *Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies*

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-cous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

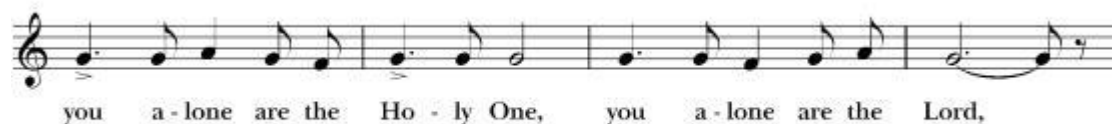
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant says

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.*

The Gloria S # 278



7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

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 Lessons

INTRODUCTION: Our Hebrew scripture reading is a denunciation of the injustices of those who only act at their religion.

A Reading from the Book of the prophet 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 practiced righteousness
 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,
 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.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 112:1-9

the congregation is invited to join the Refrain

Refrain

Hap - py are they who have giv - en to the poor.

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
 and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.

- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

INTRODUCTION: In this reading, St. Paul teaches the Corinthians that the wisdom of God is very different from the wisdom in which humans pride themselves.

A Reading from the First Epistle of Paul to the 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.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 419

Lord Of All Being, Throned Afar

1 Lord of all being, throned afar, thy glo - ry
2 Sun of our life, thy quick - ening ray sheds on our
3 Lord of all life, be - low, a - bove, whose light is
4 Grant us thy truth to make us free, and kin - dling

flames from sun and star; cen - ter and soul of
path the glow of day; star of our hope, thy
truth, whose warmth is love, be - fore thy ev - er -
hearts that burn for thee, till all thy liv - ing

ev - ery sphere, yet to each lov - ing heart how near!
soft - ened light cheers the long watch - es of the night.
blaz - ing throne we ask no lus - ter of our own.
al - tars claim one ho - ly light, one heaven - ly flame.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

INTRODUCTION: In our gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples that they are like salt and as light to the world. They are to live even more righteously than the pious scribes and Pharisees.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew (5:13-20)

People Glory be to you, Lord 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 fulfill. 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.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman

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 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 and the Son.*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.*

The Prayers of the People

In the offering of our prayers this morning, let us draw upon God's holy and life-giving waters to refresh our hearts, responding, "Hear us, O God of Glory."

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the Prayers and Confession

+ For the courage to live with integrity, that what is visible in our outward actions reveals the Holy Spirit of God residing within our souls; let us pray.

Hear us, O God of Glory.

+ That we may discover the light that is within us, placing it upon the lamp stands of the world, offering a way of hope for those who live under the burden of poverty, abuse, oppression, and degradation of every kind; let us pray.

Hear us, O God of Glory.

+ That the commandments of God may be the pathways upon which we walk, acknowledging their wisdom and fashioning our lives after their challenges, that through them the whole community of God's people may prosper and live in mutual trust and goodness; let us pray.

Hear us, O God of Glory.

+ That the leaders of the Church may be strengthened by the crosses they are called to bear, the burdens of petty concerns and the weight of serious discord, all in the Name of Christ, whose cross leads the faithful to a risen life; let us pray.

Hear us, O God of Glory.

+ For those in positions of public trust, that they may have a vision of the global good over political gain, and the welfare of the whole over the special interests of the few; let us pray.

Hear us, O God of Glory.

+ In thanksgiving for those whose lives enriched our own, and who now live in the communion of saints, in whose company we may one day reside; let us pray.

Hear us, O God of Glory.

From the depths of weakness and trembling that live in every human heart, let us continue our prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope 816 Prayers of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the confession

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.

The Priest, stands and says

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

Offertory Anthem

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Missae Je Suis Déshéritée* Orlando di Lasso (c. 1532-1594)

*Translation: 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.

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by

the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

*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 S # 154

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains three measures of 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains two measures: 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;' and 'there - fore let us keep the feast.' The third staff contains two measures: 'there - fore let us keep the feast.' and 'there - fore let us keep the feast.' The fourth staff contains three measures of 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

Agnus Dei *Missa Je Suis Déshéritée* Orlando di Lasso (c. 1532-1594)

*Translation: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Behold the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours

Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. The Celebrant will intinct the wafer in the chalice and place the consecrated host in the open hands or upon the tongue of the communicant, as desired.

Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask at the altar rail if you wish one.

If you need to receive Communion in the pews, just let the ushers know

for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive, here is a Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we are not now receiving you physically, we ask you to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Communion Hymn # 315 *Thou Who At Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray*

Unison or harmony

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
 may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this 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.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn # 410 *Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven*

*1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.*

*Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

*2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.*

*Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

*3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.*

*In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Widely yet his mercy flows!

*4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face.*

*Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman: *Celebrant*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

John Magee: *8:00 Reader*

Penny Bardel: *10:00 Reader*

Laura Daly: *Crucifer*

Ann Hodgman: *Chalicer*

Joseph Claro: *Veejay (VJ)*

Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Usher*

Veronique Dulack: *Coffee Hour Host*

MB Witt, Susie Magee: *Altar Guild*

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