FIFTH EPIPHANY | HOLY EUCHARIST

Ministry is bringing Christ's light into the world in each Christ-follower's daily life and in the corporate witness of the Church.

About this Gathering

Epiphany Season teaches us that Jesus the Christ is the Light of the world. Moreover, Jesus calls us to be witnesses to that light by following him into ministry and by being active in the Church. Being active in Church provides opportunities to hear what the Spirit is saying in our lives and active participation in the Sunday Gatherings provides moments to listen to the Spirit. So listen intently to God's Word in Scripture, sing the hymns with gusto, read the prayers with great intention, greet your fellow worshippers with energy and a smile!

Prelude

Hymn 542 | Christ is the world's true light



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MASKS & GATHERINGS
Due to the ever-changing
environment surrounding the
pandemic, we ask that while at the
Gathering: fully vaccinated mask
optional, not fully vaccinated mask
requested and everyone soft singing.



WORD OF GOD

Greeting & Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One;

You come to your people and set them free.

Song of Praise | *Glory, Glory, Glory Gloria, Gloria, Gloria* | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



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Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

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*.

Isaiah 58:1-9a

God has chosen to free the captives, feed the hungry, and bring Israel's homeless back to their homeland.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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 want God on their side. "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. 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 straps 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." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9

A song of praise highlighting the many blessings that come to those who remain faithful to God's law.

Let us read Psalm 112 responsively.

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

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴Light 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 ullet

and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶For they will never be shaken; *

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *

their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.

8Their heart is established and will not shrink, *

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, *

and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Paul expands on the principle that "God's weaknesses is stronger than human strength".

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech 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 made not with persuasive 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 being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, 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" – God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.





Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus follows the Beatitudes with two sayings, one on salt and one on light.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

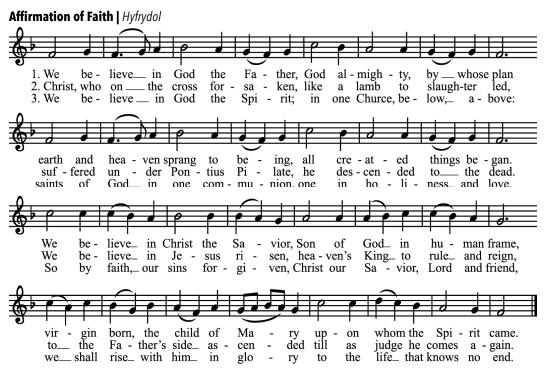
"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lamp stand, 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.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon



Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God. Let us pray, "Lord, hear our call, and answer us."

Establish your Church, O God, as a light to the world. Shine your Holy Spirit through us, and all for your glory and the welfare of your people.

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

And answer us.

Righteous God, you delight in justice and mercy: Loose the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Raise up leaders who care for the poor.

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

And answer us.

We thank you, O God, for the gift of light. By it you cause plants to grow; by it you generate warmth; by it you open our eyes to see the beauty of all you have made.

The people add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Lord, hear our call,

And answer us.

In our own city and in all cities, Great God, be the restorer of streets. Rebuild our ruined places. May all the people of this community live in security and peace.

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

And answer us.

Be present to all those who cry for help, O Holy One. We pray your healing will spring up quickly for those in need.

The people add their petitions, followed by silence.

Lord, hear our call,

And answer us.

The human heart fails to conceive all the good you have prepared for your beloved ones, Heavenly Parent. We trust to you our dying and our dead, believing that you are good and faithful.

The people add their remembrances, followed by silence.

Lord, hear our call,

And answer us.

In the name of Jesus we pray: Lord, hear our call,

And answer us.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal. *Amen*.

Peace

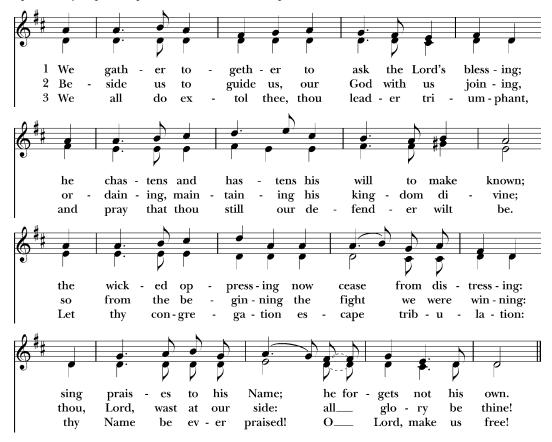
The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offering | An Invitation to Joy & Gratitude | Please click the "Giving" tab to make a secure online offering | Please share communion with us Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us. So, as Jesus the Christ commands his Church to "Do this for the remembrance of me.", St Mary's gathers in person or remotely to follow this command believing that by the power of the Holy Spirit the Word of God is proclaimed and the bread and wine at the church table and at your home become for us the holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Hymn 433 | We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing



Offering

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your reign. Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

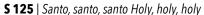
Let us give thanks to our God.

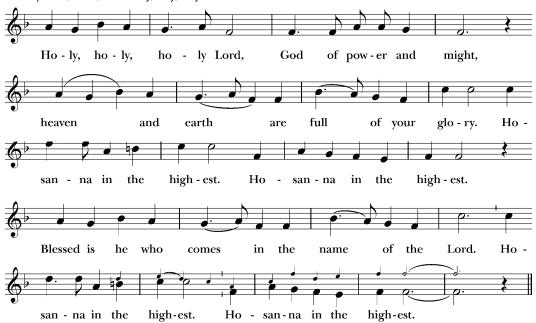
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In him we see you, the eternal God, revealing your glory in our flesh, for he is the light of the nations who illuminates our darkness. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:





All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy God; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your reign. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in our chosen language and voice.

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.

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.

Do not let us fall into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread & Communion

Christ-followers knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We come forward take the Bread and, for those who choose, the Wine. St. Mary's upholds the Doctrine of Concomitance that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the holy bread or wine or both.

Sending Prayer

Let us pray.

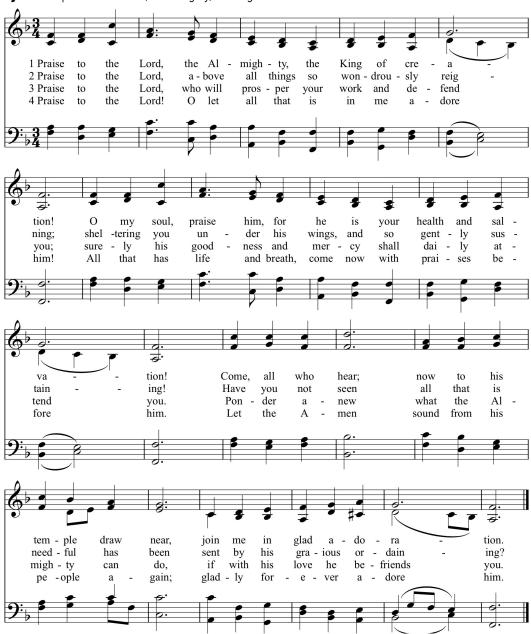
God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

Blessing Over the People

May Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and may God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be upon you, and the Spirit's outpouring be within you, now and always. *Amen*.



Hymn 390 | *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*



Dismissal

Go now to love and serve our Savior. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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