

St. Paul's Cathedral ✠ Burlington, Vermont

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany ✠ February 7, 2021

✠ *During this service the People respond using words printed in bold face.*

✠ *In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.*

✠ *Before the service, the Presider may make announcements, after which stillness is kept.*

✠ *Participating virtually, the choir sings a choral voluntary:*

*Peace be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts peace.*

*Salvation be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts salvation.*

*Gratitude be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts gratitude.*

*Faith be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts faith.*

*Victory be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts victory.*

*Consolation be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts consolation.*

*Peace be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts peace. **Sung in Zulu***

Liz Thompson Solo

Words and music Traditional Zulu

# Opening Rite

We sing hymn 423 in The Hymnal 1982. Please sing boldly at home.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music ST. DENIO, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

*The Presider says,*

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

*We join in singing the ancient hymn Gloria in excelsis:*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on  
earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our pray'r. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

Setting Herbert J. Austin, 1978

*The Presider says the Collect of the Day, first saying,*

The Lord 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.

## The Word of God

*We hear a reading from the Hebrew Bible:*

A reading from Isaiah.

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.

*Isaiah 40:21-31*

Here ends the reading.

*We sing a passage from Psalm 147. The Cantor sings the first half of each verse, and the congregation responds, alternating high and low voices as indicated. Please join in at home.*



*Cantor* Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our / Gód! \*

*Low voices* how pleasant it is to / honor hím with praise!

*Cantor* The LORD rebuilds Je/rúsalem \*

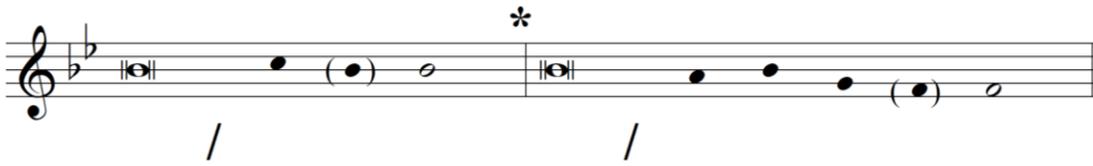
*High voices* he gathers the ex/iles of Ísrael.

*Cantor* He heals the broken/héarted \*

*Low* and / binds up théir wounds.

*Cantor* He counts the number of the / stárs \*

*High* and calls them / áll by their names.



Cantor  
Low  
Great is our LORD and mighty in / pówer; \*  
there is no limit /to his wísdóm.

Cantor  
High  
The LORD lifts up the / lówly, \*  
but casts the / wicked tó the ground.

Cantor  
Low  
Sing to the LORD with thanks/gíving; \*  
make music to our /God upón the harp.

Cantor  
High  
He covers the heavens with / clóuds \*  
and prepares / rain fór the earth.

Cantor  
Low  
He makes grass to grow upon the / móuntains \*  
and green plants to / serve humánkind.

Cantor  
High  
He provides food for / flócks and herds \*  
and for the young / rávens when they cry.

Cantor  
Low  
He is not impressed by the might of a / hórse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the / strength of á man;

Cantor  
High  
But the LORD has pleasure in those who / féar him, \*  
in those who await his gracious fávor. / Hallelújah!

Setting Plainsong tone 8.1

*We hear a reading from the Gospels.*

A reading from Mark.

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.

Mark 1:29-39

Here ends the reading.

Sermon *The Preacher breaks the bread of God's word.*

*After a brief time of stillness, we affirm our faith. Please join in at home.*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*In the time of stillness after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, silently, aloud, or using Zoom's chat feature.*

*The Deacon says,*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Shannon;  
for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Stillness*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Stillness*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Stillness*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Stillness*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_],  
Pray for those who have died.

*Stillness*

I ask your thanksgivings for friends and family, [especially \_\_\_\_\_]  
Pray in gratitude for all of God's blessings.

*Stillness*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_ *The Deacon gives voice to petitions from the Zoom chat box*  
Pray for the needs and hopes of this community.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Stillness*

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Stillness is kept.*

*All*

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 Presider says,*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*We join in saying the Lord's Prayer:*

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 for ever. Amen.

*We join in singing hymn 381 in The Hymnal 1982, on the next page. Please sing boldly at home.*

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and  
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own  
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and

it was done; for cre - a - ted light we thank thee,  
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,  
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,  
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,

while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 and our lives our hopes con - fess. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -

lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty!

Words Martin H. Franzmann (1907-1976) • Music TONY BOTEL, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

*The Presider blesses the People:*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*The Deacon dismisses us, saying*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
 Thanks be to God.

*A voluntary is played. Coffee hour follows immediately.*

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Presider & Preacher Greta Getlein ☞ Deacon Stan Baker  
 Cantor & Organist Mark Howe ☞ Psalm chanters Rose Bacon, Paul Van de Graaf  
 Readers Chuck Bongiorno, Emiry Potter ☞ Digital Emcee Gerry Davis