



Order of Service for Sunday February 5, 2023

(5th Sunday after Epiphany)

10 am Holy Communion

Rev. Wally Gustav, Celebrant

Br Robert James, Presider and Homilist

St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR

Prelude *(There is no music this morning. Use this time for quiet reflection and prayer)*

Opening Hymn #433 – “We Gather Together”

Greeting

Acclamation *(please say together)*

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.

Gloria *(let us sing together)* - (Red prayer book BCP, P. 356)

Collect for today - let us say together:

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 Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson from the Shared Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 58:1-12

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.

[If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

- Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People
- **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 112:1-10 *Beatus vir* (say the Psalm together)

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.**

**[¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.]**

Second Lesson from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 2:1-16

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. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

- Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God’s People
- **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn #488 “Be Thou My Vision”

Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew 5:13-20

- **Glory 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.”

- This is the Gospel of the Lord
- **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

Br Robert James

The Nicene Creed *(let us say together)* (BCP page 358)

Prayers of the People, Prayer of Intercession: **The Light of Christ**

Leader: On this day when peoples from afar came to worship Jesus the Lord, let our prayers be as encompassing as the world. Let us say to the Father:

People: Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That the light of Christ may shine on all nations far and near and that the Church may welcome them with the diversity of their cultures, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That in our day justice and peace may come to all the people of the world, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That God's people may hear the poor when they cry, have pity on the weak, compassion for the sick, and open their hearts and hands to the needy, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

For the many who experience darkness in their lives may they see the light of Christ as their salvation: Let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all who look for a star to guide them may discover the goodness of the Lord in all people full of faith and love, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That in our Christian communities we may learn, like the wise men, to share the treasures of our goods and hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

We hold these our brothers and sisters up to you O' Lord

– ***(people can add their own petitions) --***

O Lord our God, we rejoice that you have sent us your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers of your people given in His name. Let Him be the light of our lives now and forever.

Amen

The Peace *(please stay in your pew)*

- The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ***And also with you.***

Offertory

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C - BCP p. 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People (say together)

***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 Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer (*let us sing together*)

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And 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. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: #S-164 “Jesus, Lamb of God” (Sing Together)

Communion of the People

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. ***Amen.***
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. ***Amen.***

Communion Hymn #325 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

***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.***

Prayer for St. Martin's (*let us say together*)

***God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and
our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up
our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you.
Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the
places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.***

Birthdays and Anniversaries (front cover of the red prayer book)

Announcements

Seasonal Blessings

Closing Hymn #460 “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” (*vs 1, 3, &4*)

Dismissal:

- Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia
- ***Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia***

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