

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



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Sunday Morning Prayer

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Prelude: *Prelude and Fugue in D Major*

Dmitri Shostakovich

Opening Hymn

*Father, we praise thee,
Christe sanctorum*

Hymnal 1



1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual



o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -



fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -



ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

The Opening Sentence

Leader I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *-Isaiah 49:6b*

Confession of Sin

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be 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.**

Leader 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.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

The Invitatory: Venite

Jack Noble White



Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness: Come,



let us a - dore him. 1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for



joy to the Rock of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks -



giv - ing and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God, -



and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth, -



and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow



down, and bend the knee, and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For



he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his pas - ture and the



sheep of his hand. Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice! -



Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness: Come, let us a - dore him.

Then follows



- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing / praises to our / God! *
how pleasant it is to / honor / him with / praise!
- 2 The Lord re/builds Je/rusalem; *
He / gathers the / exiles of / Israel.
- 3 He heals the / broken/hearted *
and / binds / up their / wounds.
- 4 He counts the / number of the / stars *
and / calls them / all by their / names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and / mighty in / power; *
there is no / limit / to his / wisdom.
- 6 The Lord lifts / up the / lowly, *
but casts the / wicked / to the / ground.
- 7 Sing to the / Lord with / thanksgiving; *
make music to our / God up/on the / harp.
- 8 He covers the / heavens with / clouds *
and pre/pares / rain for the / earth;
- †9 He makes grass to / grow upon the / mountains *
and green / plants to / serve mankind.



- 10 He provides food for / flocks and / herds *
and for the young / ravens / when they / cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the / might of a / horse; *
he has no / pleasure in the / strength of a / man;
- †12 But the Lord has pleasure in / those who / fear him, *
in those who await his gracious / favor / Halle/lujah!

Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son, *
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now, *
and / will be for/ever. A/men.

The Readings

The First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Reader: A reading from the Prophet 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah

Immense caeli Conditor



1. Seek God while he wills to be found, When
2. Let all of them turn to our God And
3. Your thoughts and ways are not like mine, Says
4. For as the earth is watered well When
5. So, too, my word when it goes forth Will
6. All glory to the Father, Son, And



he draws near you, make your plea; Let evil ones for -
come a - gain to serve the Lord; For his com - pass - ion
God, nor can they ev - er be; My thoughts rise o - ver
heaven sends down the rain and snow, Bring - ing forth life and
not re - turn emp - ty to me; It will acc - om - plish
to the Ho - ly Spi - rit be, As from the first it



sake their ways, The wick - ed their in - i - qui - ty.—
will be shown, Rich - ly his mer - cy is out-poured.
yours as heaven Soars far a - bove the earth and sea.
giv - ing growth, Both bread to eat and seed to sow,
all my will And pros - per in it migh - ti - ly.
was, is now, And will be for e - ter - ni - ty.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

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 The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed

Ronald Arnatt

1. O rul - er of the un - i - verse, Lord God, great deeds are
they that you have done, sur - pass - ing hu - man un - der - stand - ing. 2. Your
ways are ways of right - eous - ness and truth, O King of all the a - ges.
3. Who can fail to do you hom - age, Lord, and sing the prais - es of your
Name? for you on - ly are the Ho - ly One. 4. All na - tions will draw near and fall
down be - fore you, be - cause your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of 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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner

The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

All **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,**

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Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
All **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader 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.*

A Prayer for Sundays

Leader O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Grace

Leader Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

The Offertory / Parish Notices

Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today. We miss seeing you in person, yet we are blessed to continue to worship with you each week.

As we continue to bring the church to you in the virtual world, we want to share with you somethings that are happening:

Morning Prayer continues each weekday at 9:00 am and Candlelight Compline on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Join us on [Facebook Live](#).

CH@Ts will meet today for conversation and sharing. We will be following the Episcopal Church's curriculum "Becoming the Beloved Community. Join us at 12:30 pm for discussion. Meeting ID: 937 9954 3941 Zoom Link: [Here](#)

We are be sending a Lent in a bag home to folks, which will include a devotional like we sent at Advent. If you would prefer an electronic version of the devotional, please either send an email to rgardner@htrit.org or fill out the form [here](#).

If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do it during the Offertory, either by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or by pressing “Learn More” on our Facebook Page.

Offertory Sentence

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom. The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp. *Ps. 147:5-7*

Offertory Anthem: O bone Jesu Marco Antonio Ingegneri

O good Jesus, have mercy on us, because it is you who made us. You ransomed us with your most precious blood.

Prayer for Mission

Leader Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

We pray for the church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Daniel, our Bishop. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Servant Year. In our companion diocese of Guatemala, we pray for Iglesia Episcopal Santa Trinidad, (Church of the Holy Trinity), Cocalés, The Rev. Marven Juárez.

Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples. We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, and those who have asked for our prayers, especially Lynn, Gordon, Maggie, Mike, Joel, Jason, Grandma Susu, Nana Carol, Eleanor, Julie, Janette, Rayelenn, Elizabeth, Emily, Alyssa, Amy, Sam, the St. Clear Family, Valeria, Otis, Matt, Beth, Devon, Grandma Moon, Uncle Bobby, Grandpa Oscar, and those you wish to name.

Light to the youngest among us, we offer you the prayers our children and youth have asked for especially for unhoused neighbors who live on the street and will have to deal with all the snow and cold, for friends who may be going to in-person school in February for the first time since last year. We pray everyone will be safe, for black doctors and nurses who are paving the way in healthcare, for a vaccination plan that will be efficient and inclusive, and for everyone to just get along.

Light of joy and life, we pray in thanksgiving for all the good things that have happened this week.

Eternal light, we pray for those who have died, and those you wish to name.

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

All Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Sentence

Leader Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21

All **Amen.**



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;



1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Postlude:

Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren (O bless the Lord, my soul) (BuxWv 213)

Dietrich Buxtehude

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