



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 7, 2021

GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

If Thou Art With Me
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Make Me a Captive, Lord

George Matheson, George Elvey

***HYMN**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
So now, let us rise in body or spirit and confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.



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**Let us pray together:*

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

We confess thick tongues and awkward lives; we are slow to sing your praise.

**Yet, we plead, Lord, in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, those things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people.

Glory to God! Alleluia! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

“The peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

ANTHEM

Was I Faithful?

Carolyn Hamlin

*When the King comes in his glory and sits upon his throne,
when nations are gathered around Him, and before him I stand alone;
my mind searches back through a lifetime as I gaze upon the One
who will grant my right to enter, will I hear him say, “Well done”?*

*Was I faithful, did I hear their hurting cry, did I pass their sorrows by, was I faithful?
Was I faithful, did I help the blind and weak, did my love include the meek, was I faithful?*

*When on the road as I traveled, did I bind up the wounds of those who fell astray,
did I brush their tears away?
Lord, when my shelter covered me, Lord, did my eyes the homeless see;
did I share with one their need, did I share with word or deed,
Lord, when the hungry needed food, Lord did my table do them good, was I faithful?*

*Those who sit at Your right hand will hear Your words in deep humility,
“As you did it unto these, you have done it unto me.”*

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Lawrence and People

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your word.

**Silence in us any voice but your own; that hearing we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Rev. Lawrence

¹⁶If 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! ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸What 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.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To 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. ²¹To 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. ²²To 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. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

All Things to All People

Dr. Martin

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

... And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

... And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Lawrence and People

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

*Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne, sinsick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.*

*Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.*

*Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord; with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.*

*Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.*

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Martin

POSTLUDE

Le Roundeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Marlene Amos
Van Askew
Carolyn Broady
Annelle Burch
Joe Byers

Richard Clayton
Kathie Cochran
Summer Dorsey
Bob Garrett
Margaret Grainger

Martha Hale
Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Lurlene Perry
Claudia Rhodes

Jon Wade
Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

In Memoriam
Rachel Colbert
January 30, 2021

In Memoriam
Billy Arnold
February 1, 2021

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Ted Colbert, Kate Pruitt and Meredith Colbert and families upon the death of Ted's wife and Kate and Meredith's mother, Rachel Colbert, on January 30.

The family of Billy Arnold upon his death on February 1.



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