



# The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia  
The Holy Eucharist Rite II

February 6, 2022 at 9:30 A.M.

*Today we are using a liturgy from the Anglican Church of Kenya. Epiphany is about the gospel going out to the whole world and returning to us in perhaps a new way. We hope using this slightly different language for a time will be helpful spiritually. Notice what you feel as you pray these words, and give us feedback.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY:** Voluntary in F Major, Op. 7, No. 6

John Stanley

## THE ENTRANCE

**AT THE PROCESSION,** HYMN 381 “Thy strong word did cleave the darkness”

*Ton-y-Botel*

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it.

*People* **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

*Presider* The Spirit is here:

*People* **The promise of God.**

*The Presider says the Collect for Purity*

Let us pray. Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadow of our hearts: cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

**Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS,** HYMN 899 [*green hymnal*]

Carl Haywood

*Sung by all.*

Glo - ry,  
Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry,  
Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name...  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth...  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y 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. Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,  
— Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.

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 — prayer. 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 — the Fa - ther. Glo - ry,

*Descant*  
Lord, — Lord — we praise — you, —  
Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,

Lord, Lord, hal - le - lu - jah.  
 Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your  
 Ho - ly name. A - - - men.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray the prayers appointed for today.

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**

**THE LESSON** *[The people are seated.]*

Isaiah 6:1-8

The Old Testament reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter six, beginning to read at verse one.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

This is the word of the Lord.

**Hallelujah. Praise be to God.**

**AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 686** "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

*Nettleton*

*Sung by all, standing. During the singing of the Sequence Hymn, children through second grade may follow the Dove Cross to Children's Chapel.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 5:1-11

We hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to Luke, chapter five, beginning to read at verse one.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Hallelujah. Praise be to Christ our Savior.**

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Jon C. Strand

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon. The people stand for the Creed.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 OF THE PEOPLE** *[All remain standing.]*

*Intercessor* Let us pray. May the leaders and people of our churches have wisdom and speak with one voice.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Intercessor* May the leaders of our country serve with fairness.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Intercessor* May justice be our shield and defender.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Intercessor* May the country have peace and the people be blessed.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Intercessor* May the flocks and the herds prosper and the fish abound in our lakes.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Intercessor* May the fields be fertile and the harvest plentiful.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Intercessor* May we and our enemies turn towards peace.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Intercessor* May the love of the Father touch the lonely, the bereaved, and the suffering.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Intercessor* May the path of the world be swept of all dangers.

*People* **Hallelujah. The Lord of mercy is with us.**

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*The Presider says*

Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him.

If any would come after me, let them deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. For whoever would save their life will lose it; and whoever loses their life for my sake will save it.

Come unto me, all who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God. *[All kneel in silence.]*

**Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Presider stands and says*

Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful high priest. **Amen.**

**Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves alone but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.** [*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.*]

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Holy Comforter's work of sharing God's love with the world. As the offering is brought forward to the altar, all stand.*

**AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM:** "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the Body and the Blood  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph;  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Alleluya, Lord Most High!"

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** [*The people stand.*]

*Presider* Is the Father with us?

*People* **God is with us.**

*Presider* Is Christ among us?

*People* **Christ is with us.**

*Presider* Is the Spirit here?

*People* **The Spirit is among us.**

*Presider* This is our God.

*People* **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*Presider* We are God's people.

*People* **We are redeemed.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, and remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life. [*The Presider continues.*]

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors, and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

SANCTUS, HYMN 858 [green hymnal]

Land of Rest

Sung by all.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presider continues*

Almighty God, owner of all things, We thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation.

On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Amen. His body was broken for us.**

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

## **Christ will come again.**

We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

**We have died together,  
we will rise together,  
we will live together.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

**Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

This is the feast of victory.

**The lamb who was slain has begun to reign. Hallelujah!**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Presider* As Jesus taught us, so we pray:

*People* **Our Father in heaven, holy 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. Do not bring us to the test, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Presider* Christ is alive forever.

*People* **We are because he is.**

*Presider* We are one body.

*People* **We share one bread.**

*Presider* Draw near with faith.

*People* **Christ is the host and we are Christ's guests.**

*The Presider says*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Assistant says*

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

### **INVITATION** *[The People are seated.]*

*As Jesus welcomed all to his table, so do we at Holy Communion. The bread and the wine are the central symbols of God's presence and we invite you to share in the Eucharist in whatever way feels comfortable to you, regardless of age or tradition. We also offer gluten-free bread—just let the priest know. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest. The Holy Eucharist is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, a mutual indwelling of Christ in us and us in him. Come to the table and be joined into Christ's ministry of love and reconciliation.*

### **HEALING PRAYERS**

*Anyone wishing for healing prayers—whether for yourself or for another or for our hurting world—is invited to come to the prayer station in the back of the nave after receiving communion. You need only say as much as you wish, and anything said will be held in confidence.*

**AT THE DISTRIBUTION, HYMN 812** *[green hymnal]* "I, the Lord of sea and sky"  
*Sung by all.*

*Here I am, Lord*

### **THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** *[Said by all.]*

**Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

*The people accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Holy Table, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.*

*Presider* All our problems

*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Presider* All our difficulties  
*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**  
*Presider* All the devil's works  
*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**  
*Presider* All our hopes  
*People* **We set on the risen Christ.**

*The Presider says*

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 535** "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim"  
*Sung by all, standing.*

*Paderborn*

**DISMISSAL**

*Presider* Go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** Final *from Suite for Organ*

Gerald Near