



# The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

February 9, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

*The liturgy follows the Holy Communion Liturgy from the Church of the West Indies (1995).*

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

John Stanley

## **THE PREPARATION**

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

*Ton-y-Botel*

*Sung by all, standing.*

*The Presider greets the congregation with the following:*

For the God who said, “Out of darkness light shall shine,” has caused his light to shine in our hearts, the light which is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The following is said by the Presider and people:*

**Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. 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.

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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

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

Isaiah 6:1-8

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!"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 138** *Confitebor tibi*

David Boulware-Kelley

*The cantor sings the refrain, which is then repeated by all. Thereafter, the cantor sings the verses, and all join on the refrain, as indicated.*

I will bow down toward your ho - ly tem - ple, and praise your Name, O LORD.

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things. *[Ref.]*
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*



I will bow down toward your ho - ly tem - ple, and praise your Name, O LORD.

that great is the glory of the LORD. [Ref.]

- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands. [Ref.]

## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks 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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

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.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Ann Gillespie

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

THE NICENE CREED *[Said by all.]*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen or 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, one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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. 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 *[All remain standing.]*

*Intercessor* Our Heavenly Father has promised through our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray for the Church and the World, and let us thank God for His goodness.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Intercessor* We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this Diocese, our Bishop(s) \_\_\_\_\_ and all the people of God.

*People* **Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.**

*Intercessor* We pray for our country and for all the nations of the world, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and for all peoples in their various callings.

*People* **Direct this nation and all nations in the ways of justice and truth. Give wisdom to all in positions of public trust and authority; that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of your people everywhere.**

*Intercessor* We pray for our own community, for this parish, for our families, friends, and all who live and work with us.

*People* **Give grace to all our friends and neighbors in Christ, that we may serve Him in one another and grow together in His love.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, the handicapped; all who have requested our prayers and all who seek the prayers of the Church in their time of trouble.

*People* **Give healing and strength to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and sustain all those who remember and care for them.**

*Intercessor* We commemorate the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

*People* **We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*Intercessor* Accept these prayers, O Lord our God, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ

*People* **Amen.**

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

*The Presider says*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *[All kneel in silence.]*

Let us therefore confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Presider stands and says*

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

**Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.**

*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: "He, watching over Israel"

Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish; He will quicken thee.

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

*When the offerings are presented at the altar the following shall be said:*

**Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out of darkness into His own marvelous light.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 and gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ and prays over the bread and wine.*

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

*People* **Jesus is Lord. He has reconciled us to Himself: Christ makes all things new.**

*The Presider continues the prayer.*

*Presider* With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise.

*People* **Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* As our Savior has taught us, so we pray:

*People* **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 forever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Presider* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People* **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.**

#### THE AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL, S 164

*Sung by all.*

Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

*As Jesus welcomed all to his table, so do we at Holy Comforter. 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 and unfermented grape juice as alternatives—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.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** [*Sung by all.*]

HYMN 812 [*green hymnal*] "I, the Lord of sea and sky"

*Here I am, Lord*

HYMN 676 "There is a balm in Gilead"

*Balm in Gilead*

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

**Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with good news of His kingdom; and the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and those you love and pray for, now and always. **Amen.**

**AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 535** "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim"

*Paderborn*

*Sung by all, standing.*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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

Gerald Near