

February 7, 2021

**FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER
THE EPIPHANY**

Liturgy of the Word, Rite Two



St. Francis' Episcopal Church

Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar

The Word of God

The people of God gather together.

A bell rings out. Silence is kept.

Gathering Hymn

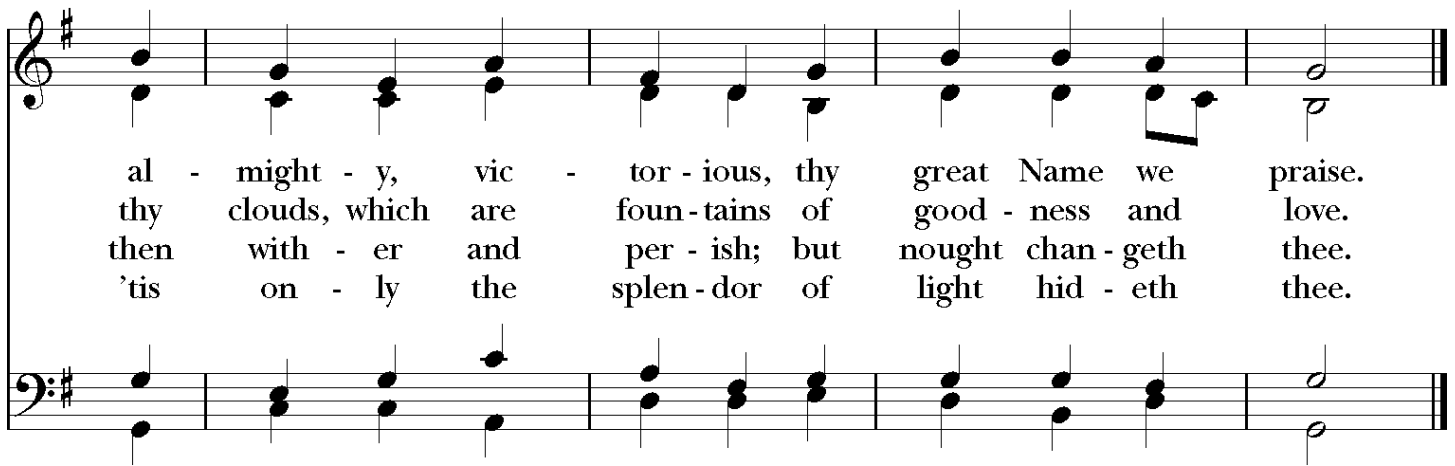
Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise
Hymn Leaders, Leah Milton and Susan Boyd

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*; 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

Opening Acclamations

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

Officiant and People:

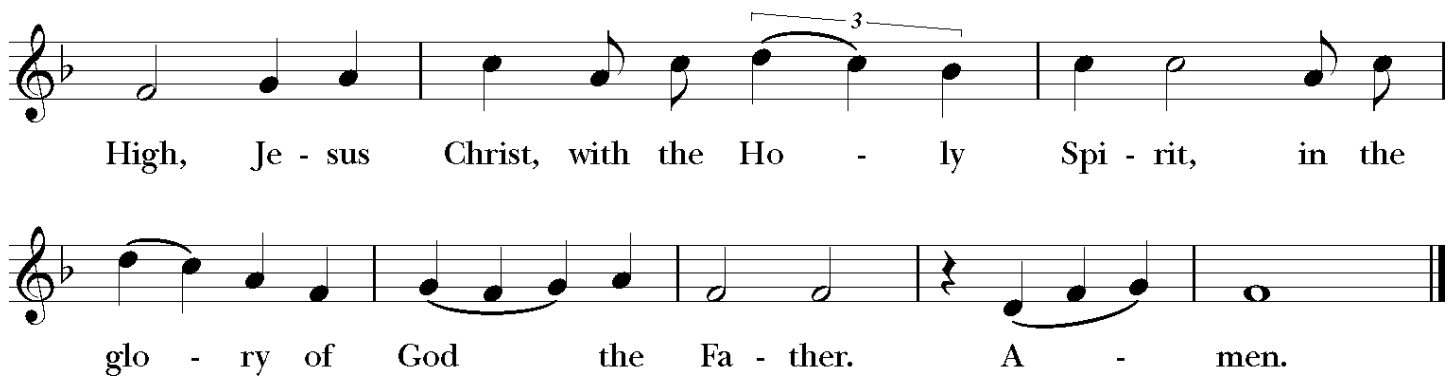
**Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of 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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn Leader, Leah Milton, St. Barnabas'

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**
 Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

40:21-31

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.

People: The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 147

v. 1-7

Psalm Leader, Leah Milton of St. Barnabas'



- 1 Hallelujah!
 How good it is to sing praises to our / God!
 how pleasant it is to honor him with / praise!
- 2 The Lord rebuilds 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 thanks/giving;
 make music to our God upon the / harp.

The Second Reading

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

9:16-23

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

O Bless the Lord, My Soul!

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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.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

1:29-39

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

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.

People: The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

The Nicene Creed

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**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 human.**

**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.**

Prayers of the People

- Deacon: Let us offer our prayers to God, who frees us from the bondage of sin and gives us that liberty of abundant life which is revealed to us in Christ Jesus, as we respond, “Lord, hear our prayer.”
- Intercessor: That the Church may discover many ways to present the love of God, reaching people of different cultures, tongues, and understandings with the one message of Christ; let us pray.
- People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: For those who are suffering with illness and for those who bear a private grief, we pray especially for Noel, Roger, Ernie, Rosie, Paul, Mary, Max, and Ann. And we remember those who have asked for our prayers, the Corley family, Kelly, Jan, Melissa, John, Chris, Ruth, Lisa, Esada, Bill, Sally, Sharen, Emily, Ken, Pauline, Pat, and Luke; and all who are afflicted by Covid 19, that God may bring them relief from their burdens; let us pray.
- People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: For honest governments throughout the global community, that peoples may trust elected officials and together serve the common good; let us pray.
- People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: For those who are peacemakers throughout the world, that their labor be not in vain, but bear fruit that brings new life to the peoples of all nations; let us pray.
- People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: For economic development in our city and state, leading to an increase in employment and financial security; let us pray.
- People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: For family life, that through love and forgiveness relationships may prosper, and children may have the stability that builds emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being; let us pray.
- People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: Enfold those who have ended their course on earth and have joined the saints in the region of light, especially Betty Alderson and Mary Neele. May we, in our own time, come to the joys of your eternal reign; let us pray.
- People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: As a community of faith, called to proclaim the good news of Christ, we continue our prayers and petitions. At this time, I invite your intercessions and prayers of thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

At this time, please offer your prayers and thanksgivings for the world, the church, and all those we love.

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on page 12 of this bulletin, for additional biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed on our website.

Officiant: Gracious God, giver of love and peace, you call us to live together as one family: Give us grace to learn your ways, that all people may have the necessities of life and no one must struggle to survive; in the name of the Source, the Word, and the Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Officiant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People: **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.**

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

Announcements

The Blessing

Officiant: The blessing of God, the Eternal, the Incarnate and the Abiding Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

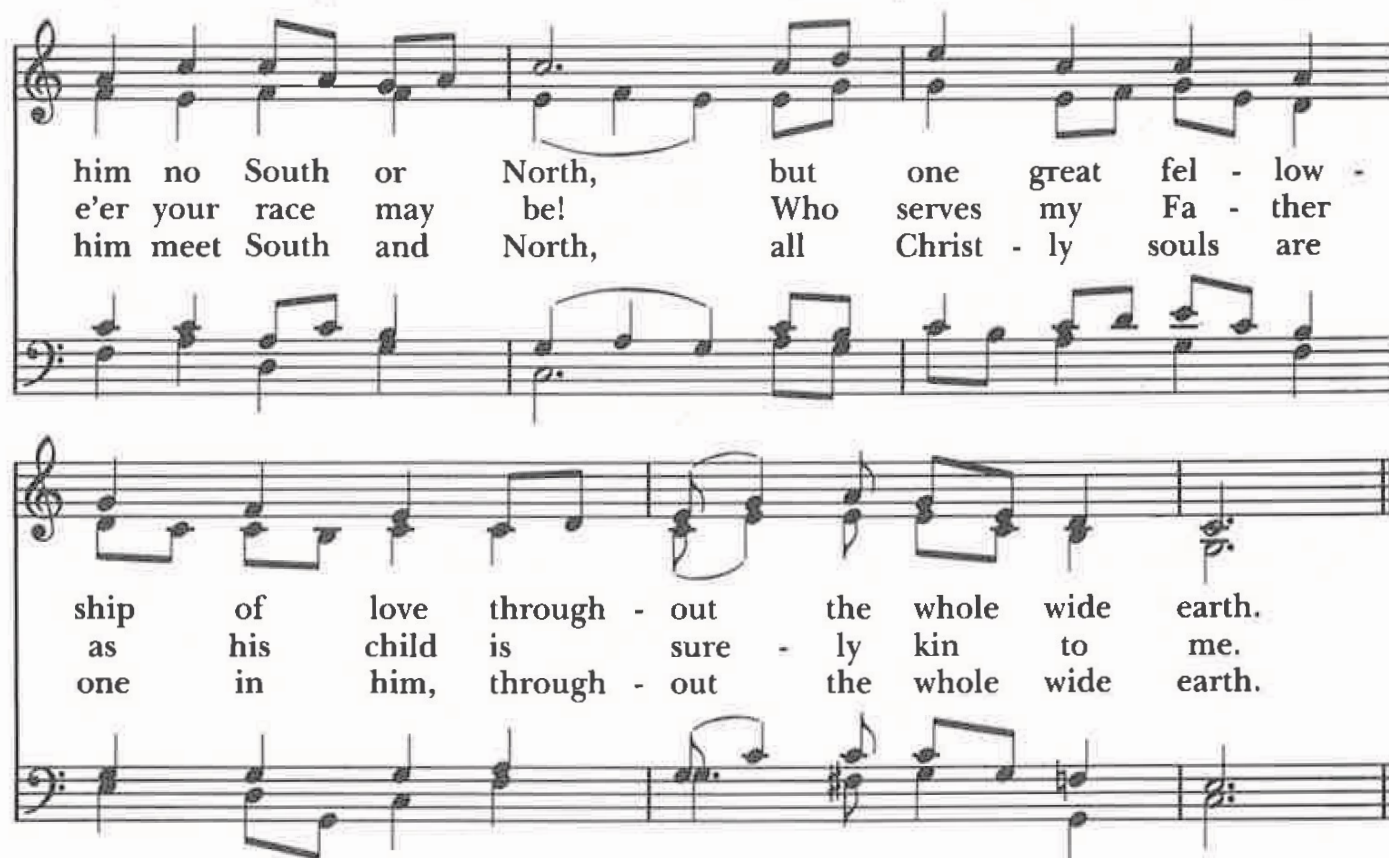
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Unison or harmony

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'In Christ There is No East or West'. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes, with three parts indicated by numbers 1, 2, and 3. The lyrics are: 1 In Christ there is no East or West, in; 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -; 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in.

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in



him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.

Music: *McKee*, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

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Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Lists

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

Our parishioners: Roger, Ernie, Rosie, Paul, Mary, Max, and Ann

For those who have asked for prayers: For the Corley family, Kelly, Jan, Melissa, John, Chris, Ruth, Lisa, Esada, Bill, Sally, Sharen, Emily, Ken, Pauline, Pat, and Luke; first responders, healthcare professionals, and educators who continue to work during this pandemic; the manufacturing and equitable distribution of Covid-19 vaccines

For those who have died and those who mourn: For Betty Alderson, grandmother of Paul Jokerst; For Mary Neele; for those who have suffered loss from natural disasters across our country; for the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and their families; and for all in St. Louis who have suffered directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For the work of the diocesan Dismantling Racism Commission, and Chester their chairperson

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns; those discerning a call to ordained ministry; the ministry of the chaplains, staff, volunteers at Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention and their families; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders; those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; those who serve in our military; all whose lives have been impacted by Covid-19

Today's Ministers of Worship

Officiant	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Deacon	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Director of Music	Cheryl Foster
Lector	Janet Houseman
Intercessor	Jackie Selle
Livestream	Paul Jokerst and Michael Booker
Tellers	Brenda Russell and Marsha Smith

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Prayers of the People

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