

# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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*“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”*



Prelude

Rick Schaal

## INTRODUCTION

*In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus’ healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon’s mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.*

Welcome – Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

P: Holy God,

C: ***you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive***

***them in your divine mercy. Amen.***

P: How vast is God’s grace! Through the power and promise of ✠ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God’s own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God’s forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ’s justice and the Spirit’s reconciling peace. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Song

*“Breathe”*

Marie Barnett

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe  
Your Holy Presence living in me.  
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread  
Your very Word spoken to me.

Chorus:

And I, I’m desperate for You  
And I, I’m lost without You

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Your Holy Presence living in me.  
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Your very Word spoken to me.

Chorus:

And I, I’m desperate for You  
And I, I’m lost without You  
I’m lost without You. *Repeat*

Ending:

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe

First Reading

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? <sup>22</sup>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; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to

naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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"? <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>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.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading Psalm 147:1-11,20c  
Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise! <sup>2</sup>The LORD re-builds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel. <sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. <sup>4</sup>The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names. <sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom. <sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God, <sup>8</sup>who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up on the mountains. <sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry. <sup>10</sup>God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner, <sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup>Hallelujah!

Second Reading 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! <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading John 14:25-27

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>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." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Message

Susan Dollinger

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
2. Hide it under a bushel; No! I'm gonna let it shine!...
3. Don't let Satan blow it out; I'm gonna let it shine!...
4. Let it shine till Jesus comes; I'm gonna let it shine!...

## Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.***

## Prayers of Intercession

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church: for ministries of healing and wholeness, for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains, for those serving in prison ministry, for all who proclaim freedom and release in the name of Christ, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: for insects in the grass, clouds on the mountaintops, for cattle and the rainwater they drink, for the humility to take our place among all creatures of the earth, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns, states and countries; for community organizers, school officials, and business owners; for international health organizations, that in times of trial, fear, or hopelessness, they find freedom in service to those most in need, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For all wearied by life's burdens: for those who are poor, for those lacking supportive relationships, for those crushed by debt, for those struggling with chronic pain or other sickness, for those exhausted from overwork or stress, and for all who cry out to you especially those we remember aloud or in our hearts, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For this congregation: for outreach and social ministries centered here; for ministries of companionship and support, for the youth and family ministry, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, who were called by name and now rest from their labors, that their lives serve as witnesses to the goodness of God, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## Prayer of Preparation

O God, receive us like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

## Words of Institution

## 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 and ever. Amen.***

Invitation to Communion

Prayer after Communion

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened and renewed for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit ready to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name ☩ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending: *"All the People Said Amen"* Matt Maher

You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you're feeling frail, you're not the only  
We are all the same in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on  
But thank God it's all you need  
And all the people said Amen

Whoa oh  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends  
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter  
Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all

And all the people said Amen  
Whoa oh  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends

And all the people said Amen  
(Bridge)  
Blessed are the poor spirits who are torn apart  
Blessed are the prosecuted and the pure in heart

Blessed are the people lonely for another start  
For this is a kingdom  
The kingdom of God  
And all the people said Amen  
Whoa oh

And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends  
And all the people said Amen  
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And all the people said Amen  
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Dismissal  
Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

***Thanks be to God!***

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