

**10:00am Sunday, February 5, 2023**

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Flowers given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. John D. Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Harry V. May, Mr. & Mrs. John D. May, Minnie Davis, John & Darlee Jackson, and Lida Schaller



**PRELUDE**

**ENTRANCE HYMN - VS. 1-4 ONLY *Holy God, we praise thy Name (Grosser Gott) (H 366)***

**Holy God, we praise thy Name,  
Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
all on earth thy scepter claim,  
all in heaven above adore thee;  
infinite thy vast domain,  
everlasting is thy reign.**

**Hark, the loud celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
holy, holy, holy Lord!**

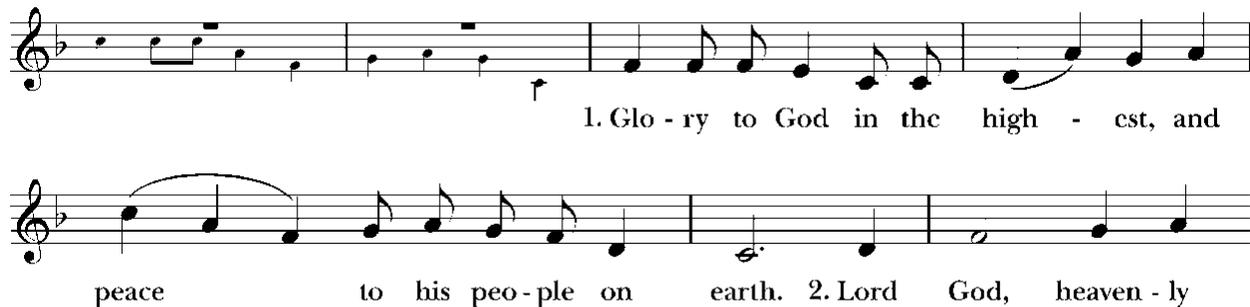
**Lo, the  
apostolic train  
join, thy sacred Name to hallow;  
prophets swell the loud refrain,  
and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
and, from morn till set of sun,  
through the Church the song goes on.**

**Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,  
while in essence only One,  
undivided God we claim thee;  
then, adoring, bend the knee  
and confess the mystery.**

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

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*





King, al - might - y 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



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*        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.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]**

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 112:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!  
<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \***  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last forever.

**<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \***  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**  
<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.  
**<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken; \***  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**  
<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the LORD.  
**<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, \***  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**  
<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

<sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **THE SERMON**

#### **THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

**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**

With all our heart, mind, soul and strength, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord have mercy.”

For the church and all its ministers, and for St. John’s and its mission and ministry, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation and all those in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace throughout the world, an end to all terrorism and violence, and peace in Ukraine, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in our armed forces at home and abroad, especially those from our families and community, and for all first responders, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those infected with or at risk from the COVID virus, and for all health care and other front-line workers, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, for refugees, prisoners and captives, for victims of natural disasters, and for all who have asked for our prayers, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Good and gracious God, you invite us to recognize and reverence your divine image and likeness in our neighbor. We have promised that with your help we will strive for justice and peace among all people and will respect the dignity of every human being. Enable us to see the reality of racism and free us to challenge and uproot discrimination from our church, our society, our world and ourselves, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

### **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM - GOD BE IN MY HEAD - A. CLARKE**

*God be in my head and in my understanding.  
God be in my eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.  
God be at my end, and at my departing.*





## THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread: *S164: Jesus Lamb of God by Schubert/Proulx*

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

The musical score for the first system is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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

The musical score for the second system is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION  
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**COMMUNION HYMN *There is a longing in our hearts* (VF 147)**

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**There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,  
 for you to reveal yourself to us.  
 There is a longing in our hearts for love  
 we only find in you, our God.**

**For healing, for wholeness,  
 for new life: hear our prayer.  
 In sickness, in death:  
 be near, hear our prayer, O God.**

**For justice, for freedom,  
 for mercy: hear our prayer.  
 In sorrow, in grief:  
 be near, hear our prayer, O God.**

**Lord save us, take pity,  
 light in our darkness.  
 We call you, we wait:  
 be near, hear our prayer, O God.**

**For wisdom, for courage,  
 for comfort: hear our prayer.  
 In weakness, in fear:  
 be near, hear our prayer, O God.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## **POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation (Lobe den Herren)* (H 390)**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng,  
psaltery, organ, and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen  
how all thou needest hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
sound from his people again;  
gladly for ever adore him.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Love First**

Love First, our children and youth program, will meet this afternoon, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm.

### **Adult Education Class**

Our Adult Education Class meets Sunday morning between services in the upstairs dining room.

### **New Vestry Members**

At our annual meeting last week, Angie Lindsay, Heidi Marshall, and Mark Perfilio were elected to the Vestry, joining Vicki Barletta, Donna Billioni, John Kachursky, Madge Tamber, Augie Santillo, and Becky Yoho. Thanks to all of them for agreeing to serve our parish in this way.

### **Becoming Beloved Community**

#### **Short Programs after the 10:00am Service Beginning February 5**

The Beloved Community Group will be offering a variety of short programs, on the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 service, in the lounge, beginning on February 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in learning more about Becoming Beloved Community, grab your coffee & join us!!

### **Mercer County Underground Railroad Tour, February 18, 2023, 10 AM – 3 PM**

Mercer County Tourism, aka Visit Mercer County, is offering an immersive experience into the history of the underground railroad in Mercer County. Cost is \$40 and includes a period-specific catered lunch, and bus transportation. The tour will be narrated by Roland Barksdale-Hall, local author and historian.

Tour begins at 10:00 am at Visit Mercer County agency, 50 N Water Avenue Sharon, PA 16146 (724-346-3771). Live performance of skits and songs of The Road to Freedom by Sister Monica Avery and Company. Following the performance, we will board the bus. Stops include:

- Raish cabin, Sharpville
- Walking tour of sites/homes in Mercer known to be part of the underground railroad. In case of inclement weather, this portion will become a driving tour.
- Indian Run, site of a community formed by freed black persons known as Pandenarium. Period specific lunch catered by Guy Gibbs at Mercer Co. Historical Society
- Freedom Road burial site, Stoneboro.
- Mark Twain Manor, aka Gibson House, Jamestown. Bus will return to Visit Mercer County agency at 3 PM.

For reservations or more information, please see Tracy Schliep. Scholarships are available.