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WORSHIP BULLETIN:
FEBRUARY 9, 2025 **11:00 AM**
 Holy Eucharist Rite II **Prayer A**
 The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

ENTRANCE HYMN:

All stand.

First verse and chorus only

(LEVAS 120) Sweet Sweet Spirit

Verse 1:

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place
 And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
 There are sweet expressions on each face
 And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

Chorus:

Sweet Holy Spirit
 Sweet heavenly Dove
 Stay right here with us
 Filling us with Your love
 And for these blessings
 We lift our hearts in praise
 Without a doubt we'll know
 That we have been revived
 When we shall leave this place



OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p.355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY: BCP p.355

Let us pray in unity

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.**

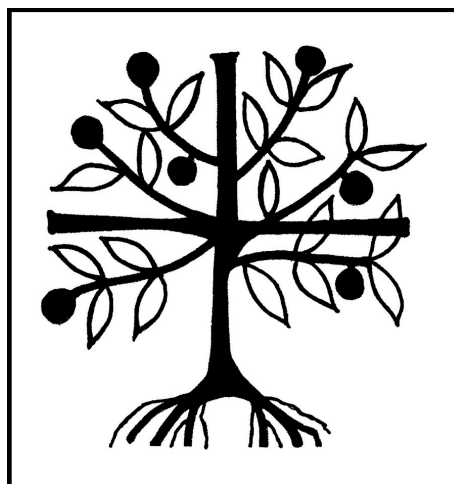
GLORIA:

The following is sung.

(A3 #183) Majesty

Verse:

Majesty, worship his majesty,
 Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
 Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his
 throne unto his own;
 His anthem raise.
 So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
 Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the
 king.
 Majesty, worship his majesty;
 Jesus who died, now glorified, king of all
 kings.



COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p.357

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.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Remain seated

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!” [And he said, “Go and say to this people: ‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not

FIRST READING (Continued)

Remain seated

understand.’ Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

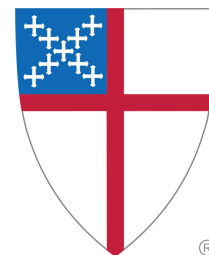
Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow



PSALM:**Psalm 138***Remain seated.*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *

before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple

and praise your Name, *

because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name *

and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *

you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *

when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *

that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *

he perceives the haughty from afar.

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.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *

O Lord, your love endures for ever;

do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11*Remain seated.*

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:

SECOND READING: (Continued)

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung, all standing
Congregation chants:.

(A3 #218) Veni Sancte Spiritus

Veni, Sancte Spiritus



GOSPEL:

Luke 5:1-11

All stand.

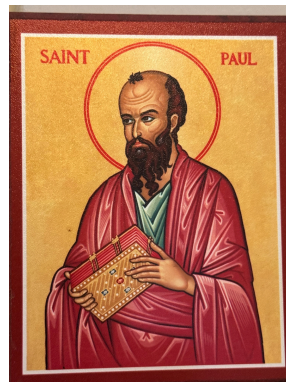
Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder**THE CREED:**

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All stand.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN: BCP p.360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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: BCP p.360

All stand.

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

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE:

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.

(WLP #758) Tú Has Venido a la Orilla

Verse:

You have come down to the lake shore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small
boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well my possessions.
Neither treasure nor weapons for
conquest,
Just these my fish nets and will for
working.

You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary
a love that's willing to go on loving.

You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
As loving Friend, you have come to call
me.

Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936-1991), alt. trans. Madeleine F. Marshall, alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA: BCP p.361

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE: BCP p.370

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS:

Celebrant and people

Holy, Holy, Holy

Chorus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

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The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all...

...After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for

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the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts...

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p.363

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

People and Celebrant

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

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Celebrant and People (Spoken)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(Gather Comp. #728) They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

Verse 2:

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

Verse 3

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride

Verse 4

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one

Peter Scholtes
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COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(LEVAS 18) Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Chorus:

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

Verse 1:

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me, coming
for to carry me
home.**(Chorus)**

Verse 2:

If you get there before I do, comin' for to carry me home;
Tell all my friends I'm comin' too, comin' for to carry me
home.**(Chorus)**

Verse 3:

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,
comin' for to carry me home;
But still my soul is glory bound, comin' for to carry me
home.**(Chorus)**

Words: Traditional; Music: Negro Spiritual, Public Domain.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

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The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The following is sung.

I Saw the Light

Verse 1:

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus:

I saw the light I saw the light
No more in darkness no more in night
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 2:

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 3:

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Hank Williams Sr.

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DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



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Laura Peabody-Park

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2/13 Robyn Boltz
2/14 Mary Lou Bogart

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder	
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder	
Deacon	The Rev. Beth Gaines	
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch	Cameron De Palma
Lector	Chris Ayles	Kim Rodekohr
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay	Barbara Jewell
LEM	Jim Brown	Barbara Jewell
Healing Prayers	Mary Frances Kelly-Poh	Nancy Bryan
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The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon
The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, Associate Priest
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The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

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CALENDAR

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 4 pm Meditation (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



MONDAY: 2/10

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
 7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band
 8 pm AA Meeting (P)

TUESDAY: 2/11

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P)
 7 pm +GGSOC Practice

WEDNESDAY: 2/12

7am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10 am +Communion -
 Cancelled
 11 am Bible Study (P) -
 Cancelled
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band

THURSDAY: 2/13

7am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee w/
 Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer

FRIDAY: 2/14

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 7 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 2/15

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 7 am Men's Meeting (R)

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion & Baptism
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 4 pm Meditation (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



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+ = CHURCH
P = PARISH HALL
U = UNDERCROFT
R = RECTORY
K = KITCHEN