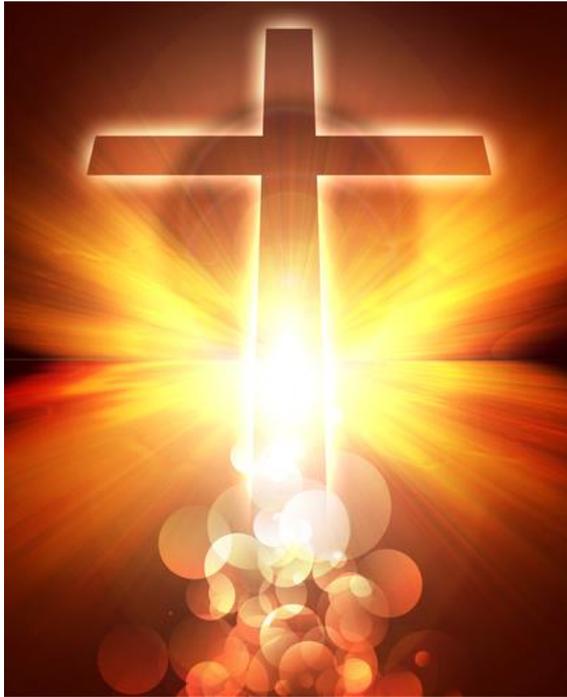


# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## Light Living

February 5, 2023



### AS WE GATHER

“Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead Thou me on!” These poetic words by John Henry Newman, an English clergyman, begin a hymn that is much loved in many parts of the Christian community worldwide. The linking of the light that is Christ with the descriptive word *kindly*, which is related to the attribute of kindness, is appropriate to the Epiphany season. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls His hearers to be lights in the world. Letting our light shine with kindness is evidence of the fruit of the Spirit growing in, through, and among us.

**+ Welcome and Announcements +**

**ENTRANCE HYMN** 8:00 am "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" 704

1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
 2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
 4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those  
 heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
 my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You  
 light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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11:00 am "Listen, God Is Calling" 833 (sing refrain 2x)

*Refrain*  
 Leader All  
 Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,  
 Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.  
 Leader All  
 1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news  
 2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.  
 3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,



therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

(Share the Peace of Christ with those around you)

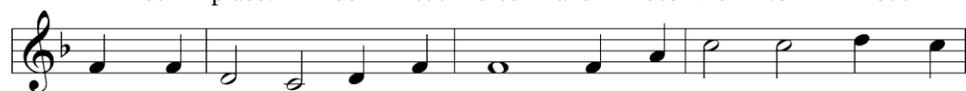
### HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Mighty Lord, keep us from selfish pleasure seeking, from quarreling, and from ignoring the poor that, reflecting the light of Your mercy and goodness, our lives may shine brightly with Your love for the sake of our neighbors in need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**           **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT    Isaiah 58:3–9a (*True and false fasting*)

“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,  
and oppress all your workers.

Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day  
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,  
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

“Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up speedily;

your righteousness shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (13–16) (*Wisdom*)

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

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

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Matthew 5:16b*

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let your light shine before others,

**People:** so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 5:13–20 (Salt and light)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" 848



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of  
 2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-  
 4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
 cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;  
 veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,  
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the  
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-  
 Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and  
 Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-  
 pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
 bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring  
 com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.  
 love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.  
 us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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**SERMON** "Light Living" Matthew 5:13-20

## **CREED** Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made. Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, we give You thanks for Your liberating Word made known especially in the light shining through the glorious cross of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that Your Word enlighten our hearts and minds now that we may keep it and bring forth the fruits of faith in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** By Your light of life, rule and govern Your whole Church throughout the world that all those who proclaim Your truth be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and that faith and love be strengthened and increased in all Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Bless our country and all who are in authority. Let Your glory dwell in our land that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound everywhere. We commend to You the care of our schools so that our children grow in useful knowledge and Christian virtue, bringing forth wholesome fruits of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Comfort all who are in trouble, sickness, anguish, or any other trouble. Give courage and strength to all who suffer for Your name's sake. In every time of trouble, show Yourself a very present help, the Savior of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

(other needs and prayers are offered)

Pastor: Lord in Your Mercy. . .

**People ; ...hear our prayer**

Pastor: Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, hearts and minds, all our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before You as our humble service. Help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day before the night comes when no one can work. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## OFFERING

### + SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts . . . [*Colossians 3:1*]

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;* *1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

## **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

People: **Amen.**

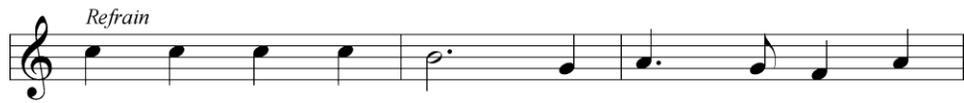
**AGNUS DEI** "The Lamb" 547 vs. 4,5



4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch-ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ-teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.



*Refrain*

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



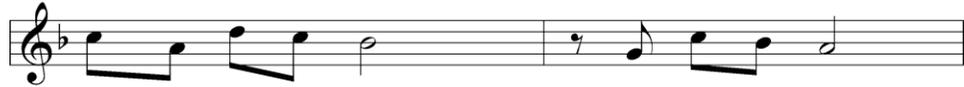
own! The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** 8:00 am "What Is This Bread?" 629



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of
live	and	He	should	die	Un -	der
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear,	In	mouth
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -
				lieve		



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

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feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Father in heaven, compassionate for all of Your oppressed, hungry, and weak children, we thank You that through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have given us the gift of the forgiveness of our sins and a foretaste of that day when Your light shall break forth like the dawn on all creation and there will be no more oppression, hunger, or sin. As we await that great day, enable us to worship You in spirit and truth and to love and serve our neighbors in need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: You are the salt of the earth. You are called to season what is bland and to preserve God's ways in the world. You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN "Love Divine" 700



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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