



The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
Sunday, 4 February 2024 • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Pensacola, Florida • Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

The People's responses are in *bold italics*.  
Hymns are in the blue *Hymnal 1982*.  
Service music (marked "S") is found at the front of the Hymnal.  
Other page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer.

### Worship Information

*Welcome to Christ Church! We especially welcome our visitors and newcomers and ask that you fill out a visitor card so that we can thank you for coming.*

*For Children – Children are always welcome during service. There is a Kid's Korner at the entrance with books and activities.*

### Opening Voluntary

*Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie, Op. 13*  
— Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

### Hymn in Procession

**Hymn 423** — *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

### Welcome

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD – BCP 355

*Celebrant* 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.**

#### Kyrie: Lord have mercy

8:00 - spoken 10:30 - Hymnal S 98

Lord have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

#### The Collect of the Day

*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.**

*The People may be seated.*

#### The First Lesson — 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

(10:30 - sung by the choir)

- 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 Jerusalem; \***  
**he gathers the exiles of Israel.**
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
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 thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 **He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;**
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 **He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.**
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 **But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \***  
**in those who await his gracious favor.**
- 21 Hallelujah!

#### The Second Lesson — 1 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. *Thanks be to God.*

*The People stand for the Hymn and the Gospel.*

### 10:30 - Sequence Hymn

*Hymn 135 – Songs of thankfulness and praise*

*CHILDREN'S CHAPEL, 10:30 Service*  
*During the Hymn, children in grades Pre-K through 5th*  
*may follow the children's acolytes down the center aisle*  
*to Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.*

### The Gospel — Mark 1:29-39

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* *Glory to you, Lord 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.

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

### The Sermon

*The Rev. Dr. Michael Hoffman*

*Silence may be kept.*

### The Nicene Creed *The People stand.*

**BCP 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.*

### Prayers of the People: Form III

**BCP 387**

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*The People kneel.*

*Reader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* *That we all may be one.*

*Reader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

*Reader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for all the holy people of God;

*People* *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

*Reader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for prisoners and captives and all who care for them; and for this city and the people who live here;

*People* *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

*Reader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

*Reader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for the sick and hospitalized in our parish and community.

*Silence*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

*Reader* We commend to your mercy all who have died (especially...). Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People* *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

*Reader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

*Reader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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 Priest 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** *All stand.*

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

*People* *And also with you.*

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements

## The Offertory

### 10:30 - Offertory Anthem

*"There shall a star from Jacob come forth" from Christus*  
— Felix Mendelssohn

*There shall a star from Jacob come forth,  
and sceptre from Israel rise up,  
and dash in pieces princes and nations.*

*How brightly shines the morning star!  
with sudden radiance from afar  
with light and comfort glowing!*

*Thy work, Jesus,  
inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing.  
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing!*

— Numbers 24:17; Psalm 2:9;

*"Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern," Philipp Nicolai*

## At the Presentation

*Tune: Laßt uns erfreuen*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him all creatures here below;*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*At the presentation of the monetary gifts,*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* *And of thine own have we given thee.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Eucharistic Prayer D — BCP 372

*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 him thanks and praise.*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*Celebrant and People*

**8:00 - Hymnal S 125**

**10:30 - Hymnal S 128**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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.*

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*  
**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* 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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**10:30** – *Then is sung*

**The Fraction Anthem**

**Hymnal S 165**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Communion**

*Christians of all ages (regardless of where you were baptized) are welcome to receive Holy Communion. • Please come forward to the Altar Rail, being careful of the step just before the rail. • The rail fills from the center, and please don't hesitate to cross to the other side if there is space. • Communion is available in two kinds. If you choose not to receive communion in one or both kinds, please cross both arms across your chest and the priest will offer a blessing. • If you choose to receive communion in one kind, know Christ is fully present, and all benefits of the Eucharist are fully received. • If you receive the chalice, please assist the chalice*

*bearer by guiding the base of the cup. Or you may choose to intinct in the chalice. • If you need a gluten-free wafer, please cross one arm across your chest. There is no separate chalice. • If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pew, please notify the ushers at the door.*

### **Communion Hymns**

**Hymn 676** — *There is a balm in Gilead*

**Hymn 1** — *Father, we praise thee, now the night is over*

**Hymn 370, stz. 6** — *Christ be with me*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

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.*

### **Prayer for Mission**

**BCP 101**

Lord Jesus Christ, *you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you: for the honor of your name. Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

### **Hymn in Procession**

**Hymn 411** — *O bless the Lord, my soul!*

**Dismissal Response:** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **Closing Voluntary**

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

— *Max Drischner (1891-1971)*



*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Gerald McGill*

*~ and ~*

*in loving memory of Andy Creed and Jim Mallett*

*~ and ~*

*in loving memory of Maxine Hale Edwards,  
Gary W. Edwards, and Mary Hale Pope.*

