

February 10, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Hear

John, son of Elizabeth a descendant of Aaron and Zechariah of the priestly order of Abijah;

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” — Adapted from Matthew 3:11-17

Silence

Be still and aware of God’s presence within and all around. *Elijah found that, the Lord, was not in the wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.* —1 Kings 19.11-13

Together We Pray

Up from the waters new life emerges, birth springs forth, all life is nourished and sustained. Waters rise up through frozen ground. From the depths of snow, springs seep, bubble up and flow. The heavens open up, to reveal your glory, making known your wonder and presence. In you is life. With you, life is sustained, nurtured and fulfilled. Suddenly, without our foreknowing, beyond our imagination, your Spirit comes upon us, in our days, -and there is life. There is life, beyond our understanding. Amen.

Our Prayers of Thanksgiving

Response: Lord, hear our praise!

Together We Pray

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.¹

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture and Meditation

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;...

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

your Savior. ...you are precious in my sight, and

honored, and I love you, do not fear, for I am with you; I will

bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will

gather you; ...bring my sons from far away and my

daughters from the end of the earth —

everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my

glory, whom I formed and made.” — Isaiah 43:1-7

Silence

Reflect on the scripture and know that Jesus’ teachings of old yet are new and applicable for your days, now.

Together We Pray

Brother Jesus, I am known to you by name. I know you

O God by name; Jesus. I know of my creation, of my

earliest formation, I know to of the certainty of my days

before me. Those days yet unknown to me are days with

you. All these then are days of glory. I’ll watch as these

rise. Amen.

Our prayers of Intercessions

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Spirit of our calling, of knowing and guiding,
may you bless our time of prayer together. Sacred are the
moments, sacred are the days in your presence.*

Rest mightily that we might listen and respond boldly.

¹ Matthew 5:21-24, 44-48; 6:14-15; 18:15-18 (9:9-13); 7:1-2. 5:14-16

Communion With the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you. **Response:** And also be with you.

We lift up our hearts. **Response:** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you God of all creation. You give heavenly bread to the hungry and water from the living spring to the thirsty. In Christ we now come to draw life for our living, for your ways in us and through us.

Response: 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.

Today we remember in this loaf, your Holy Presence; Mighty, yet Mysterious; Holy, yet Humble; Powerful, yet Empowering. We remember you heard the cry of your people in ages past, and you hear our cries and pleas today.

Response: Christ you have no body on earth but ours.

Today we remember in this cup, the renewal of community you bring about, the good you work out even in the most desperate of situations. You are God of all.

Response: Lord make us instruments of your peace; voices of your justice, hearts of your compassion, hands of your mercy.

Hear the Gospel invitation from Christ...

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood, the love and hope of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. 1. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Here in lies the hope for all your days. In these is now, our communion with God.

Response: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ, comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

*The table before us set long ago by our Lord Jesus Christ.
This is open to all that have come to pray with us today.*

Sending Forth

May you grasp that you are known by your creator; that you are formed quite on purpose. Days of God's glory are your days. Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We Offer: May Jesus' peace be with you.

We Respond: May Jesus' peace be with you also.

(Worship Resource: NRSV Bible, 2019, J. Chamberland)

—Our Worship In The Morning—

February 10, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

Second Sunday After the Epiphany



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Our Mission is to live our experience of God's love
in all that we say and do...

Our Vision is to be a growing spiritual faith community in
the manner of Christ, where all are welcome and cared for...