



February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 9:30_{A.M.}

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*You may wish to have candles ready to light,
and a cross to place in your home worship area.
We are glad to be worshipping with you today.*

Prelude

Yes, God is Real

Kenneth Morris

Christine DeVaugn, Soprano; Tyrone Sutton, Piano
Church of Our Redeemer, Gospel Service, June 2015

*There are some things
I may not know
There are some places
I can't go*

*But I'm sure
Of this one thing
That God is real
For I can feel
Him deep within*

*Chorus:
Yes, God is real
Real in my soul
Yes, God is real
For He has washed*

*And made me whole
His love for me
Is like pure gold
Yes, God is real
For I can feel
Him in my soul*

*I cannot tell
Just how you felt
When Jesus
Took all your sins away
But as for me
Yes, since that hour
God has been real
For I can feel
His holy power; Chorus*

Welcome

Introit

Rejoice in the Lord Always

*Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice (2x)
Rejoice!, Rejoice! And again I say Rejoice! (2x)*

Liturgy of the Word

Candle-Lighting

The acolyte lights the candles and invites worshippers to do the same.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn Morning Has Broken

Blue Hymnal 8

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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All 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.

Hymn of Praise *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky*

Blue Hymnal 7

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider 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.*

Please be seated.

First Reading

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 Reader concludes

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

BCP, P. 804

- 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!

Gospel Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Blue Hymnal 691

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, O 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.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Frank Fornaro

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

by David Adam, Church of England

Leader As seekers from many places were called to worship before the Christ child, open our ears to your call, and open our eyes to your glory. We pray for all seekers, for all who walk in darkness and look for the light. We pray for your church, that it may be drawn ever towards you. Jesus, Light of the World

People **Give us your light and peace**

Leader Lord God, we pray that the rulers of this world may seek the peace and justice of your kingdom, and that the resources of the world may be used for the relief of those in need, and to your praise and glory. Jesus, Light of the World

People **Give us your light and peace**

Leader We pray for all who work in our local communities, for a sharing of talents and awareness of needs. We thank you for the gifts you have given to us, and we seek to use them rightly. May our homes be places where the Christ abides and is welcomed. Jesus, Light of the World

People **Give us your light and peace**

Leader We pray for all who are in sorrow, pain or distress; we remember especially Royce; Adele, Patricia; Enid, Bill, Dale, Aura, Lauren, Mary, Joan, John, Tom Tsaros, Jack, June, Darryll; Richard, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Marie, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, John, and Joan.

We remember all who are struggling for justice and freedom.

People Jesus, Light of the World
Give us your light and peace

Leader We pray for those who have died, especially Fred, Grayson, Mary, Sarah, Darlene, Maureen, Dorothy, Jim, Sven, John, Avis, Richie, Gerry, Barbara, John, Robert, John, Emily, Tammy, David, Ronald; and Leon. May they have fullness of life in your kingdom. Give hope and strength to all who mourn, and bring a new light into their darkness. Jesus, Light of the World

People **Give us your light and peace**

Collect for the Parish, Leader and People together:

Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.

Presider O Lord our God, you call us in the depths of our being, you have a purpose for us, open our ears to hear your call, open our hearts to your love, open our minds to your purpose, that we may know you and give ourselves fully in your service.

Confession

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Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Please kneel in body or in spirit and join in a moment of silent contemplation.

Presider and people:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Presider and People:

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

Commissioning of Newly Elected

Celebrant

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these people to the special ministries to which they have been called: Murray Daniels and Sarah Conrad as Wardens, Winthrop Brown as Treasurer, Cathy Burns as Clerk of the Vestry, Heath Fox, Christie Burnside, Mary Ann Burnside, and Helene Sullas Huggins, as new members of the vestry, as continuing members of the Vestry; Sarah Klein and Linda Kukolich as Deanery and Convention Delegates.

Do you present these persons to be commissioned to these positions?

Congregation: **We do.**

Celebrant (to congregation)

Are these persons you present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of God's Church?

Congregation **We believe they are.**

Celebrant: Will you support them to the best of your abilities as they seek to serve this congregation in these roles to which you have elected them?

Congregation **We will.**

Celebrant (to newly elected)

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Newly Elected I will, with God's help.

Will you continue to live your life following the commandments of Jesus Christ, loving God with heart, soul and mind and your neighbor as yourself?

Newly Elected I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Newly Elected I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Vestry, and all elected representatives of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you , Murray and Sarah as Wardens, Winthrop as Treasurer, Cathy as Clerk of the Vestry, Heath, Christie, Mary Ann, Helene, as members of the Vestry; Sarah and Linda as Deanery and Convention Delegates.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Presider With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.
Your financial offering can be shared online at our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2

Musical Offering

Give Me Jesus

African American

Christina DeV Vaughn, Soprano; Tyrone Sutton, Piano
Church of Our Redeemer, Gospel Service, June 2015

*In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus*

Chorus:
*Give me Jesus; Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus
Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus.*

*Oh when I come to die
Oh, and when I come to die
Oh when I come to die,
Give me Jesus*

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and God of might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest*

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary)

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Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All **Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, saying

May Christ be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and may the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Surely it is God Who Saves Me

Blue Hymnal 679



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - jice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

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