



**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 7, 2021**

**Welcome**

**Opening Songs**

*10,000 Reasons*

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and  
whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before

O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name!

*God You Reign*

You paint the night  
You count the stars and You call them by name  
The skies proclaim God You reign  
Your glory shines  
You teach the sun when to bring a new day  
Creation sings God You reign

(Woh) God You reign  
God You reign  
Forever and ever  
God You reign

You part the seas  
You move the mountains with the words that You say  
My song remains God You reign  
You hold my life  
You know my heart and You call me by name  
I live to say God You reign

Hallelujah hallelu  
Hallelujah hallelu  
(REPEAT)

(Woh) God You reign  
God You reign  
Forever and ever  
God You reign

## Opening Acclamation

*Clergy* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

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

## 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

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

<sup>1</sup>      Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

<sup>2</sup>      The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

<sup>3</sup>      He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>      He counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.

<sup>5</sup>      Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>      The Lord lifts up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>      Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God upon the harp.

<sup>8</sup>      He covers the heavens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth;

<sup>9</sup>      He makes grass to grow upon the mountains  
and green plants to serve mankind.

<sup>10</sup>      He provides food for flocks and herds  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>11</sup>      He is not impressed by the might of a horse;  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

<sup>12</sup>      But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who await his gracious favor.

<sup>21</sup>      Hallelujah!

## Gospel Song

From the breaking of the dawn  
To the setting of the sun  
I will stand on every promise of Your word  
Through this dark and troubled land  
You will guide me with Your hand  
As I stand on every promise of Your word  
Grace sufficient grace for me  
Grace for all who will believe  
We will stand on every promise of Your word

## Holy Gospel

**Mark 1:29-39**

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

[When Jesus and the 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 sunset, 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.**

## Sermon

**The Rev. Toppie Bates**

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

Called by the Holy Spirit into relationship with a loving God, we pray for the church, all in need, and the whole creation.

### *Silence*

In our Parishes, we pray for the people of Christ Church, Willard, and their priest The Rev. Lesley Adams; and the people of Zion Episcopal Church, Windsor, and their priest The Rev. Geoff Doolittle. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of Santa María Virgen, San Bartolo, Ilopango, and their priest, The Rev. Guillermo Hueso. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, The Rt. Rev. William Jay Lambert. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of The Anglican Church of Burundi, and their Bishop, The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho.

God of glory and grace, you answer those who call on your name. Continue the transformation of your church so that we may share your love with the world. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

We pray for your creation, especially where it is wounded. Renew the whole earth with your love. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

Let the rulers of the earth honor your decrees and uphold your statutes so that your peace would reign throughout the earth. Give mercy to the poor and justice to the weak. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, send peace to the dying, and companionship to those who are alone. Be with all who suffer, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

That this congregation, anointed and sealed by God and given the Holy Spirit in our hearts, would welcome the stranger, be a place of refuge and help to those in need, and go into all the world with your light and life. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ Jesus, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. May we be ever mindful of God's promises to us until we also are made one with all the saints. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we place ourselves and all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## Music for Reflection

### *Ever Love*

In the moments I feel so alone  
When I question what's real  
and I wanna come home  
When I take the wrong track and think

How can I turn back  
He throws wide open His doors and outpours

Ever love ever near  
ever strength when are fearful  
Ever good ever light  
For in him there is no darkness  
Ever near ever real  
However lonely we may feel  
Ever God Ever King  
In Whom we trust our burdenings  
Ever Love

And He loved me so much  
He sent His only son  
Leaving the Ninety nine  
To be Savior of the one  
When I take the wrong track and think  
How can I turn back  
He throws wide open His doors and outpours

Ever love ever near  
ever strength when are fearful  
Ever good ever light  
For in him there is no darkness  
Ever near ever real  
However lonely we may feel  
Ever God Ever King  
In Whom we trust our burdenings  
Ever Love!

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

**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.**

### **Prayer for mission**

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Announcements

### Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. *Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

### Blessing

*Clergy* May the outrageous welcome of the Father draw you in;  
May the incarnation of the Son fill you with light and life;  
May the wandering of the Holy Spirit help you risk yourself for love;  
And may Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer bless you now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

### Closing Song

*Forever*

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise



Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

**Dismissal**

*Clergy* Reconciled to God, made a new creation in Christ, and anointed by the Holy Spirit,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

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