

**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 5, 2023—8:30am**



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

“This Little Light of Mine” arr. Bradley Sowash

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

“Salt and Light”

Oh the beauty of a King. You make righteous those who seek. You have written and redeemed my story.

Refrain: Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around. Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name. Let my life be a song, revealing who You are for You are salt and light.

Oh the love that set me free. You bring hope to those in need. You have written and redeemed my story.

For You are salt and light, You are love's great height. You are deep and wide, A consuming fire. You are salt and light, You are love's great height. You are deep and wide, a consuming fire.

You are salt and light, for You are salt and light, You are salt and light

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+ Prayer of the Day

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+ Word +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading Isaiah 58:1-12

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

+ Gospel Acclamation ELW p.171

+ Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-20

Young at Heart Message & Sermon The Rev. Harry Griffith

+ Song of the Day "Stir Us, Lord"

Refrain: Stir up in our hearts, oh, Lord, what you want us to do.
You showed your love up upon the cross.
We want to give of our lives to you.

Show us the faces of all of those in need.
Move us to action, giving with a joyful heart, loving is the place to start.
Let your spirit plant the seed.

With gifts we've been given, help us see where we fit in.
We're part of one family, knowing that we have a place, serving by your
gift of grace. Keep your spirit stirred within.

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+ Apostles Creed ELW p.105

+ Prayers of Intercession sung refrain: "Open the Eyes of Mt Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

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+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer

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+ Invitation to Communion

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Communion Song

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+Sending+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“Build Up”

Refrain: Build up, prepare the way.
Remove obstructions from my people's way.
Build up, prepare the way.
God is near, God is here today.

Break the chains of injustice. Let the oppressed go free.
Share our homes with the homeless, and our bread with the hungry.

God sees all our destruction; how we get in love's way.
Still God comes and meets us, with a steady healing embrace.

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will break
into song.

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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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