



# The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

February 7, 2021

## The Word of God

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

### Collect for Purity

**Celebrant** 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.*

### Song of Praise

*O Worship the King*

### 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 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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord

People            Thanks be to God

## Psalm

*Psalm 147:1-12, 21c*

- 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 Reading

*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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord

**People**           **Thanks be to God**

## The Gospel Reading

*Mark 1:29-39*

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*

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.

*After the Gospel, the Priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

**All** 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 worshipped 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.

### The Prayers of the People Form III

*After each bidding, you may offer your own prayers aloud.*

**Leader** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**All** That we all may be one.

**Leader** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**All** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

**Leader** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**All** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

**Leader** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**All** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

**Leader** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**All** That our works may find favor in your sight.

**Leader** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**All** That they may be delivered from their distress.

**Leader** Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**All** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Leader** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**All** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

*Adapted from the BCP*

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

**All** 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.

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

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

## **Birthday/Anniversary Blessing**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor we pray on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## **The Offertory**

*For Your Glory*

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

**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.

**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All** 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.

**Celebrant** We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

**All** Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
We remember his death.  
We proclaim his resurrection.  
We await his coming in glory.

**Celebrant** And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite

us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Celebrant** As our savior Christ taught us, we now pray  
**All** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.**

## **The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread**

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!  
**Celebrant** The Gifts of God for the People of God

*All who are baptized, regardless of age or denomination are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, or prefer not to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Please know that there is real wine in the cup; you do not have to receive both bread and wine in order to participate in communion. If you would like to talk about baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to Mtr. Tracey. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.  
**All** 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.**

**Blessing**  
**Closing Song**  
*Everlasting  
God*

**Dismissal**

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

1st: Norah Lindsey Jackson  
 3rd: Charlotte Noel  
 4th: Carolyn Deakins  
 5th: Natalie Buckner  
 6th: Robert Brown  
 9th: Tommy Smith  
 10th: Belinda King  
 11th: Charlie Duesterhoft  
 13th: Andrew Duncalfe  
 14th: George Noel  
 15th: Jessica Sanders  
 15th: Sarah Watson  
 16th: Wanda Ellis  
 28th: Jonathan Roberts

**Ash Wednesday: In-Person Service**  
 Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00 PM

### Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase Easter Lilies or Azaleas for Easter Sunday, **April 4, 2021** please pick up and fill out the form in the entryway of the church. Place your check noted "Easter Lilies" or "Azaleas" and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: **Lilies \$10.00 & Azaleas \$15.00**

### Longview Community Ministries

They are the principal organization in Longview that helps people with all sorts of emergency services, including food. They have asked us to help by donating canned fruits and vegetables during this season when food bank donations are down, and the need for services has increased. We will have a basket in the Narthex for ongoing donations. Please donate if you are able.

## This Sunday's Servers

**Danny's Team:** Bryan White  
**Greeter:** Amy Brown  
**Lector:** Ruby Hahne  
**Sound Board:** Andy Sanders  
**Ushers:** Need a Person  
**Vestry People:** Amy Brown, Roxanne Brink  
**Worship Tech:** Jessica Sanders

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Troy
- Aaron, Roni, & Keith
- Lorraine
- Pete & Margie

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering. Or, send an email with your request to: [prayer@smaalongview.org](mailto:prayer@smaalongview.org)

**\*\* Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. \*\***

## Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
01/03/21	\$618	\$2,946	-\$2,328
01/10/21	\$6,112	\$2,946	\$3,166
01/17/21	\$2,080	\$2,946	-\$866
01/24/21	\$1,190	\$2,946	-\$1,756
01/31/21	\$995	\$2,946	-\$1,951
YTD TOTALS	\$10,995	\$14,732	-\$3,737

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (02/14)

**Danny's Team:** Bryan White  
**Greeter:** David Brown  
**Lector:** Frank Supercinski  
**Sound Board:** Harrison Brown  
**Ushers:** Jerry Ritchie  
**Vestry People:** Robyn Murphy, David Brown  
**Worship Tech:** Gabriel Duncalfe

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