

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

O Lux beata Trinitas

Michael Praetorius

Welcome

Opening Prayer

**Luminous God, we give you thanks and praise for this season of light,
when your light shines on us.**

**Help us become points of light ourselves and let us become
the reflection of your radiance bringing justice, hope, mercy and love to your world.
If our hearts constrict with fear and doubt, shine on us, shine in us,
and shine through us.**

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

◆ Call to Worship

Psalm 112:1-9

*Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him, and he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown the people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; and he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name. Let us worship the Lord!

◆ Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, the spark of your divine heart can easily be extinguished within us when we do whatever we want. We often satisfy ourselves with one hour of worship on Sunday mornings, then return to pointing our fingers at others and serving our own needs. Forgive us when we fail to heal your world. Help us to be menders, restorers, and healers. Help us shine as beacons of your kindness, grace, and love for we long to reflect your Light to our broken world.

Sung Response

HS 71

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Congregational Response



All glo - ry be to God in heaven, who un - to us the Son has given!

With all the an - gel choir re - jice, and prai - ses sing with heart and voice.

God's Word to Us

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!

God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

First Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

NT p. 156
Allen Hench

Second Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

NT p. 4

Sermon

Jesus was a Fundamentalist

Jewell-Ann Parton

Responding to God's Word

◆ Hymn 694

Great God of Every Blessing

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◆ Affirmation of Faith

The 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 and the Son,
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 Congregation

Offertory

We Are Marching in the Light of God/Siyahamba
(sung in English and Zulu)

South African

Text can be found at hymn no. 853 in the Glory to God hymnal.

- ◆ Presentation of the Bread and Cup HS 81
Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor to God's name.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer GTG Hymnal, p. 35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, HS 76

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

...great is the mystery of faith...

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. HS 77

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

Sóma Christú

Gerald Near

(sung in Greek)

Receive the Body of Christ, taste of the spring immortal.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,

we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 700 **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me** I'M GONNA LIVE
- ◆ Charge and Benediction
- ◆ Passing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Postlude

Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren

Michael Praetorius

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, February 5

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting in the Upper Lounge

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Monday, February 6

6 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

Thursday, February 9

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Sunday, February 12

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library

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667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

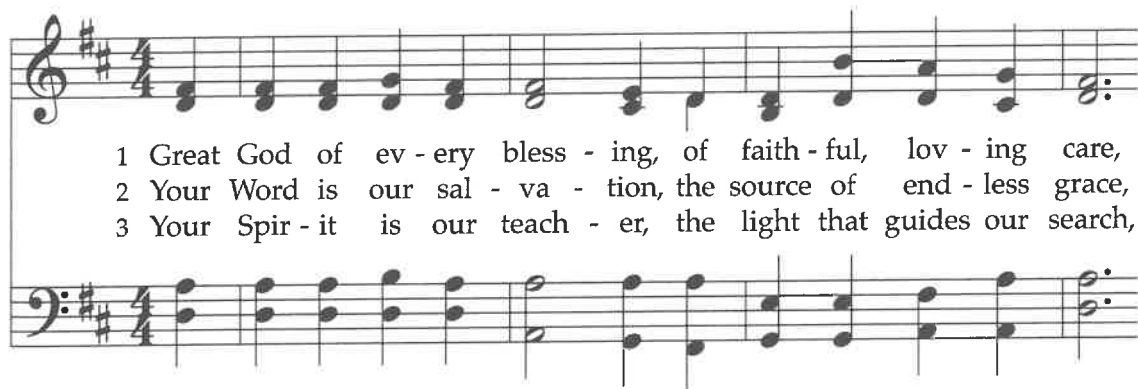
cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

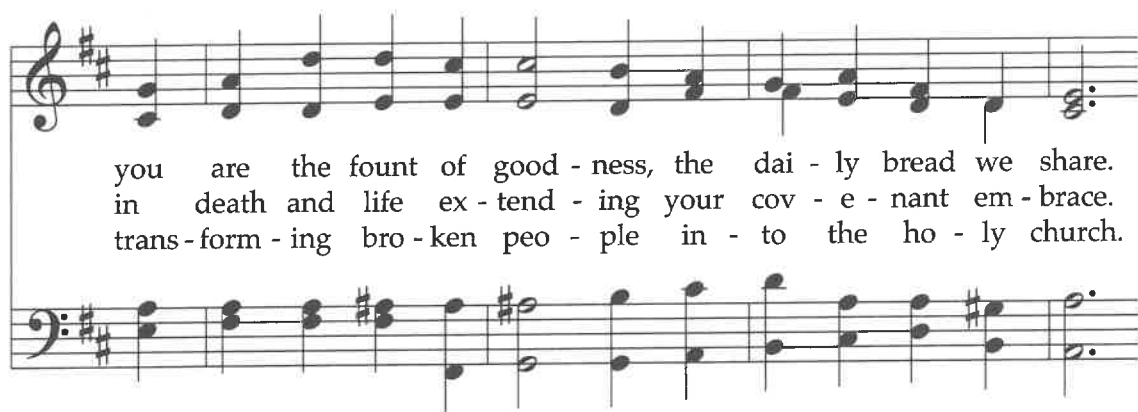
pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

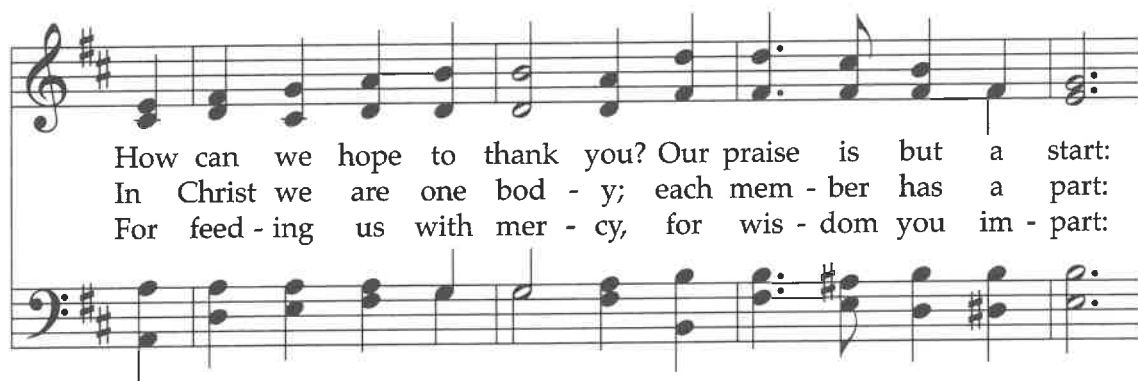
694 Great God of Every Blessing



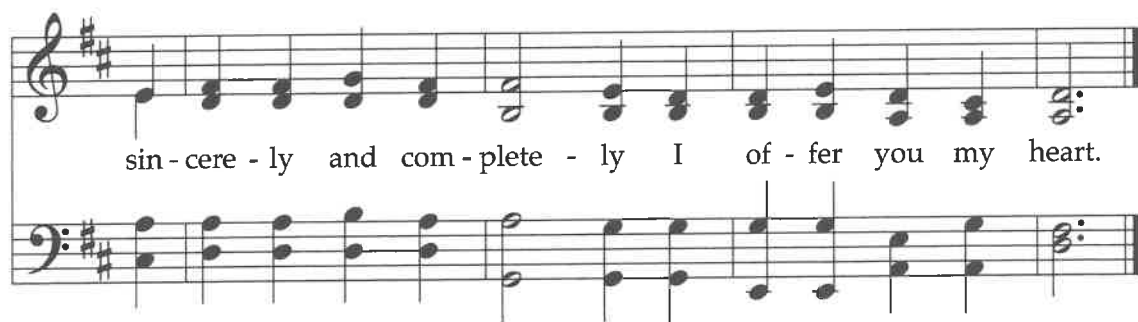
1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.