

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 7th, 2021

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Harry Wilson Jones, Langhorne's brother, by Ruth and Langhorne Jones.*

Welcome!

Please tune your car radio to 100.1

Prelude

Because we are not yet able to sing as a community, please reflect on the text of all hymns

Opening Hymn

Thine arm, O Lord,

Hymnal 1982 #567

1
*Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
was strong to heal and save;
it triumphed o'er disease and death,
o'er darkness and the grave.
To thee they went, the blind, the deaf,
the palsied, and the lame,
the leper set apart and shunned,
the sick with fevered frame.*

2
*And lo! thy touch brought life and health,
gave hearing, strength, and sight;
and youth renewed and frenzy calmed
owned thee, the Lord of light:
and now, O Lord, be near to bless,
almighty as of yore,
in crowded street, by restless couch,
as by Gennesaret's shore.*

3
*Be thou our great deliverer still,
thou Lord of life and death;
restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
with thine almighty breath:
to hands that work and eyes that see,
give wisdom's heavenly lore,
that whole and sick, and weak and strong,
may praise thee evermore.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Collect of the Day

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 Lesson

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 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!

Hymn

His Eye is on the Sparrow

LEVAS II #191

<p>1 <i>Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.</i> <i>[Refrain]</i></p>	<p>2 <i>“Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me.</i> <i>[Refrain]</i></p>
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3 *Whenever I am tempted,
 whenever clouds arise,
 when song gives place to sighing,
 when hope within me dies,
 I draw the closer to him;
 from care he sets me free:
 his eye is on the sparrow,
 and I know he watches me;
 his eye is on the sparrow,
 and I know he watches me. [Refrain]*

*Refrain:
 I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy)
 I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)
 for his eye is on the sparrow,
 and I know he watches me.*

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Officiant 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.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

You have no equal, God. We come before you humbled, asking your healing presence. Heal us and raise us so that we might serve you.

We are amazed at your creative genius – how you have stretched the heavens like curtains, and yet you bend to be with us. We raise our hearts in awe.

Our world and our lives need healing and direction. We ask you to guide your church and heal it where it is worn out and self-centered. Direct those who lead the church: bishops, priests, deacons and all who are in positions of leadership, Emmanuel's vestry – Anne, Llewellyn, Carol-Ann, Kenyon, Laura and Rick. We ask for direction. Raise them up, O God.

We ask you to heal the relationship between nations and neighbors. Give the leaders of the nations courage to pursue justice and speak peace as an example to the world. We seek peaceful relationships. Raise them up, O God.

Many suffer from addiction, anxiety, and illness. Break the chains that bind and bring healing, God, and a strong sense of your presence. Strengthen and guides us as we support them, pray for them, offer resources to them, and participate in your way of love with all people.

Raise up to your healing presence Rosemary, Teresa, Jay, Sharon, Ruth, Hunter and his family, Cheryl, Ralph, Jean, Bill, Harry, Cindy, Jayne, Ashby, Jane, Macon, Charles and those whom we name in our hearts. We ask for healing. Raise them up, O God.

We pray for those who have died, that they may know the fullness of your love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss, and give them the confidence of your love that knows know limits of time or space. We ask for assurance of your love. Raise them up, O God.

We ask your thanksgivings for all gathered here this morning and for all we hold close. We offer our thanksgiving to you. Raise up our hearts, O God.

Concluding Collect

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Blessing and Dismissal

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 1982 #470

1
*There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.*

2
*There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.*

3
*For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.*

Please greet each other with some extended "Holy Honking"!



Serving Today

Officiant The Rev. Becky Crites
Organist Mr. Kenyon Scott

February Birthdays

Jim Mathieson 18
Charles William 23

Vestry Members

Class of 2020: Anne Hunt (Sr. Warden), Carol-Ann Lawson, Laura Chappell
Class of 2021: Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden), Kenyon Scott
By Vestry Appointment: Rick Dixon

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Thank you for all the donations to for Sharon Taylor's nephew Hunter and his family after the fire that destroyed their home.

Lenten Bags are coming soon! These will include items to help you celebrate Shrove Tuesday as well as mark Lent!

Forward Movement for February – April is available, please contact me to pick one up!

The vestry will meet via ZOOM next Sunday.

We are keeping an eye on the possibility of inclement weather next weekend. If we do not have our Broadcast service, we will also have a worship video on Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

Our Facebook Page Information

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Pay careful attention to "like" the right one! To be sure, you will see a picture of the inside of the church with the Paschal Candle beside the lectern and bible. The small circle shows the outside front of the church with the flowered cross.

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