

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. February, 2023 11.00 am

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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## Welcome & Intimations

### Introit

### Call to Worship

## Hymn 543 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

### *Chorus*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts.*

*Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

### *Chorus*

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

### *Chorus*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

### *Chorus*

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

### *Chorus*

Bernadette Farrell(b.1957)

## Call to Prayer

## Prayer of Approach and Confession

## Children's Address

## Hymn 607 The bright wind is blowing, the bright wind of heaven,

1 The bright wind is blowing, the bright wind of heaven,  
And where it is going to, no-one can say;  
But where it is passing our hearts are awaking  
To grope from the darkness and reach for the day.

2 The bright wind is blowing, the bright wind of heaven,  
And many old thoughts will be winnowed away;  
The husk that is blown is the chaff of our hating,  
The seed that is left is the hope for our day.

3 The bright wind is blowing, the bright wind of heaven,  
The love that it kindles will never betray;  
The fire that it fans is the warmth of our caring,  
So lean on the wind - it will show us the way.

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### Isaiah 58:1-9a

#### Anthem

St. Matthew 5:13-20

#### Sermon

The Apostles' Creed (Hymn 628)

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession

### Hymn 18/19 The earth belongs to God alone (Psalm 24)

1 The earth belongs to God alone  
and all that it contains;  
the world and its inhabitants  
God's steadfast love maintains.

2 The Lord who brought the world to birth  
laid earth's foundations sure,  
and firm within the surging seas  
established them secure.

3 Who, then, are those who shall ascend  
the holy hill of God?  
And who is fit to stand within  
the presence of the Lord?

4 All those whose hands and hearts are clean,  
with no room in their mind  
for worthless vanities or vows  
of a deceitful kind.

5 These are the people who receive  
a blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication for their ways  
from God, their saving God.

6 O God of Jacob, help us all  
who gather in this place,  
to seek your presence with us now:  
we yearn to see your face.

7 Ye gates lift up your heads on high;  
ye doors that last for ay  
be lifted up, that so the King  
of glory enter may!

8 But who of glory is the King?  
The mighty Lord is this,  
ev'n that same Lord, that great in might  
and strong in battle is.

9 Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,  
doors that do last for ay,  
be lifted up, that so the King  
of glory enter may!

10 But who is he that is the King  
of glory? who is this?  
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,  
the King of glory is.

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### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Responses for Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

and with the whole company of heaven,  
we lift up our hearts in joyful praise, saying:  
*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.*

*Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty Father, now and for ever.*

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for  
ever. Amen.

## Breaking of Bread

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
**Grant us your peace.**

## Hymn 252 As a fire is meant for burning

1. As A Fire Is Meant For Burning  
With A Bright And Warming Flame  
So The Church Is Meant For Mission  
, Giving Glory To God's Name.  
Not To Preach Our Creeds Or Customs,  
Let us Build A Bridge Of Care,  
Joining Hands Across The Nations,  
Finding Neighbours Everywhere.

2. We Are Learners; We Are Teachers;  
We Are Pilgrims On The Way.  
We Are Seekers,; We Are Givers;  
We Are Vessels Made Of Clay.  
By Our Gentle Loving Actions  
We will Show That Christ Is Light.  
In A Humble Listening Spirit,  
We will Live To God's Delight.

3. As A Green Bud In The Springtime  
Is A Sign Of Life Renewed,  
So May We Be Signs Of Oneness  
'Mid Earth's Peoples, Many Hued.  
As A Rainbow Lights The Heavens  
When A Storm Is Past And Gone,  
May Our Lives Reflect The Radiance  
Of God's New And Glorious Dawn.

Ruth C. Duck(b.1947)

Benediction & Choral Amen (3-fold.)