

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2025**

**The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

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*Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.*

Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

**Hymn 124 Praise to the Lord, the almighty,**

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation;  
praise God my soul, for in him are your health and salvation:  
come all who hear,  
into his presence draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning,  
shields you from harm and is gently yet firmly sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
how your heart's wishes have been  
granted by God's wise ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;  
ponder anew  
what the almighty can do,  
God will for ever befriend you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from God's people again:  
gladly for ever adore him.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

**Hymn 204 I am the church! You are the church! (omit v.5)**

*I am the church!* (With your thumb, point to yourself)  
*You are the church!* (Point to you partner)  
*We are the church together!* (Shake hands)  
*All who follow Jesus,* (Reach out with both hands)  
*All around the world,* (Circle arms over head)  
*Yes, we're the church together.* (Link arms)

- 1 The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple.  
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people!  
*Chorus*
- 2 We're many kinds of people with many kinds of faces:  
All colours and all ages, too, from all times and places.  
*Chorus*
- 3 Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,  
Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding. Always it's learning!  
*Chorus*
- 4 And when the people gather there's singing and there's praying,  
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:  
*Chorus*
- 6 I count if I am ninety, or nine, or just a baby;  
There's one thing I am sure about and I don't mean maybe:  
*Chorus*

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### Isaiah, Chapter 6, verses 1-8,

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

<sup>4</sup> The pivots<sup>Ⓜ</sup> on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph<sup>Ⓜ</sup> touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

### Anthem

#### St. Luke, Chapter 5, verses 1-11

Once while Jesus<sup>Ⓜ</sup> was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' <sup>6</sup> When

they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

### Hymn 251 I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*  
Daniel L. Schutte(b.1947)

### Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

**Hymn 171 Take up the song, and sing the praise of God,**

- 1 Take up the song, and sing the praise of God,  
who gave the world its skies and lands and seas,  
then formed the fish and creatures of the earth ;  
our God be praised for wondrous gifts like these !
- 2 Take up the song, and sing the praise of God,  
who gave the power of choice to humankind,  
that we might rule the earth through servanthood,  
and so find joy in all that God designed.
- 3 Take up the song, and sing the praise of God ;  
proclaim to all the open mystery  
that Christ, whose death destroyed the power of sin,  
was raised by God and reigns in Trinity.

- 4 Take up the song, and sing the praise of God ;  
with music make both earth and heaven ring,  
for God is good and loves all he has made ;  
so now to him all thanks and praises bring !

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Benediction

Choral Amen