The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Morning Prayer

February 8, 2026

Prelude:
Benedictus, John Marsh

Opening Hymn:
Blessed Jesus, at thy word **Hymn 440**

Morning Prayer: Rite Two **BCP 78**
Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

The Invitatory and Psalter
Officiant: Lord, open our lips.
People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Come let us adore him.

Officiant and People say in unison
Venite **Hymnal S35**
**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Lector: Psalm 112:1-10 BCP 755

1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lessons
Old Testament
Lector: A reading from Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced
righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their
God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not
notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast
day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle
Blessed by the God of Israel **Page 15**

The Epistle
Lector: A reading from 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love
him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn
God be in my head **Hymn 694**

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Reflection **Sally Hauber**

The Apostles' Creed
Officiant and People together all standing as able

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant	The Lord be with you.
People	**And also with you.**
Officiant	Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages
Officiant (V) and People (R):
V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name forever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day
Officiant**:** The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant: Let us pray.
Amen.

A Collect for Sundays
Officiant: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People
Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We pray for those on the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer and our Parish Family and Friends
We pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Vikki, our

Rector; and for Lauren our music and choir director, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Absalom Jones (February 13)
Committee on Diocesan Reparations
Committee on Black Ministries
World Mission Sunday (Feb 8)

For our parish family we pray for:
Meredith Smith, Lydia Brittle, Scott Peterson, Stevie Grimes, Janet McMurtray.

For parishioners' family members and friends we pray in the quiet of our hearts:
(A moment of silence.)

Carolann Guerette (V. Cross)
Jerry Cross (V. Cross)
Susan Oliver (J. Shea)
Daniel Oliver (J. Shea)
Thomas Cooper and Mrs. Boyd (D. Burton)
Roseann Royle (N. Row)
Darcy Alt (S. Henderson)
Pam Jagusch (S. Grimes)
Jeff Weinberger (S. Henderson)
Seth Washington (S. Grimes)
Amanda Graham (A. Fitts)
Christine Pearson (V. Cross & J. Rutherford)
Chris Fountas (J. Rutherford)
Edmund Ground (M. Smith)
Allie Ground (M. Smith)
Garry Ground (M. Smith)

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Angela McKenzie (S. Henderson)
Mercy Frederick Ozuruonye (C. Frederick)
Anna Kuhlmann (N. Row)
Nicole Pappano (J. Kaufmann)
David Umsheid (J. McMurtray)
Barb and Scott McDonald (V. Cross)
Joyce Oehmler (V. Cross)
Dave Maxham (J. & S. Hauber)
Yannick Goedde-Bosch (A. Fitts)
Nicole Bowie (N. Row)
Jim Bond (S. Bond)
Shari Champagne (V. Cross)
Donny Cooper (J. McMurtray)
Nancy Loy (J. Rutherford)
Ann Rose (N. Row)
Amy Morris (D. Howard)

Officiant:
O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, o lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Choral Anthem
Kum Ba Yah, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

The General Thanksgiving
Officiant and People:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Closing hymn:
I want to walk as a child of the light **Hymn 490**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Officiant*:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:
Echo Alleluia, Henry Purcell, arr. Lani Smith

Please leave your offering in the collection plate located at the table near the entry doors.

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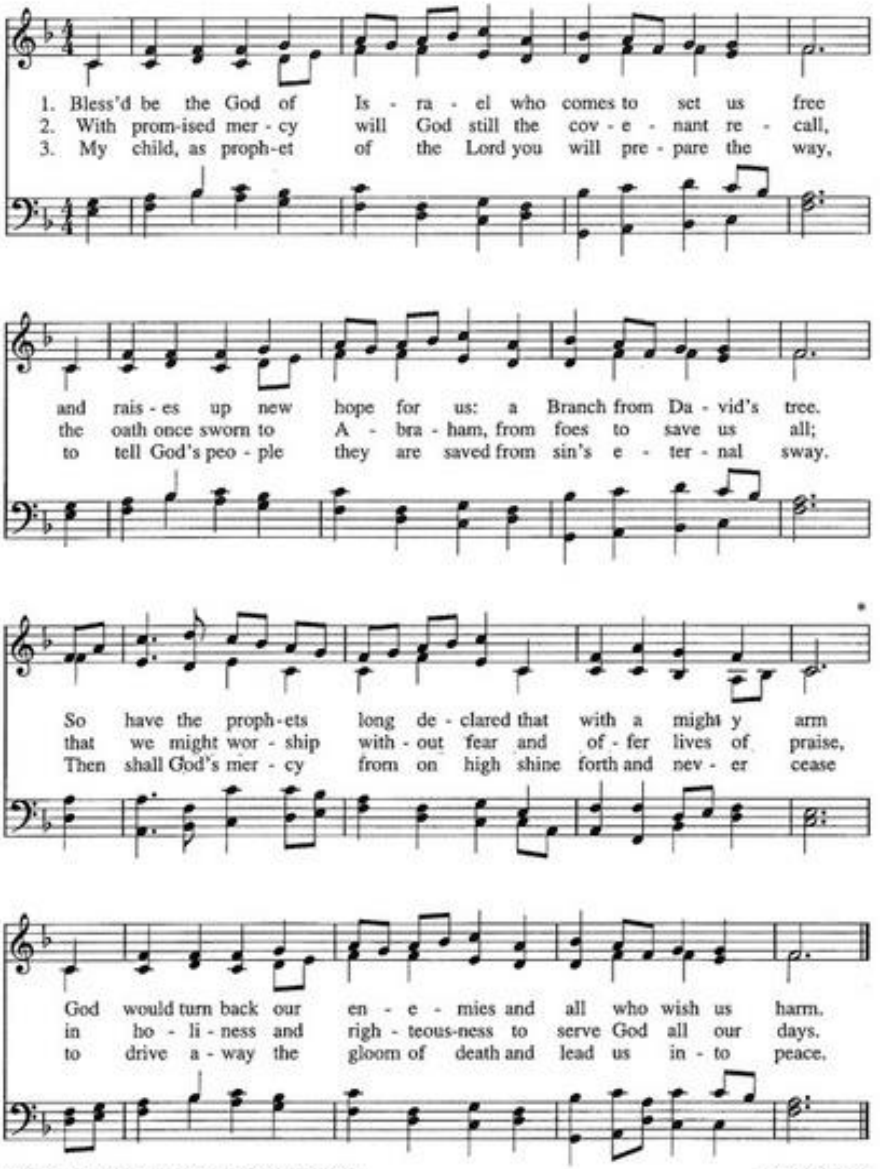
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MUSIC: English folk tune, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

FOREST GREEN
C.M.D.

† This canticle is especially appropriate for services that focus on the Old Testament prophecies of Christ. This text, based on the song of Zechariah (Luke 1), is also known as the Benedictus (the first word in the Latin translation of this text).

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Ann Fitts, John Kaufmann, David Landrith, Rob Palmer, Judith Schneider, Donna Starkweather

Announcements:
Coffee Hour
Today's coffee hour is a potluck. Join us in the undercroft. Next week's coffee hour is Shrove Sunday pancakes and sausage presented by Bill Fitts and John Kaufmann.

Bible Study
Bible study is held on Thursdays at 10:30 am via Zoom. We are studying St. Paul's Letter to the Romans using the book *Paul for Everyone: Romans, Part Two: Chapters 9-16.* Newcomers are always welcome and you don't need the book to participate! Contact Richard Rutherford (richard.rutherford90@gmail.com) for more information, or Victoria (parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org) for the Zoom link.

Forward Day by Day
The new edition of Forward Day by Day, for February through April 2026, in regular and large print, is in the racks when you enter the church. Please take one. You can also go to www.forwardmovement.org, click on the Prayer tab at the top, then scroll down to Today's Forward Day by Day to view the online version.

Food Giving Basket
There is a food giving basket for Olney Help in the entry way of the church with a "wish list" of items. Please bring the items in a bag. Thank you for your generosity.

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