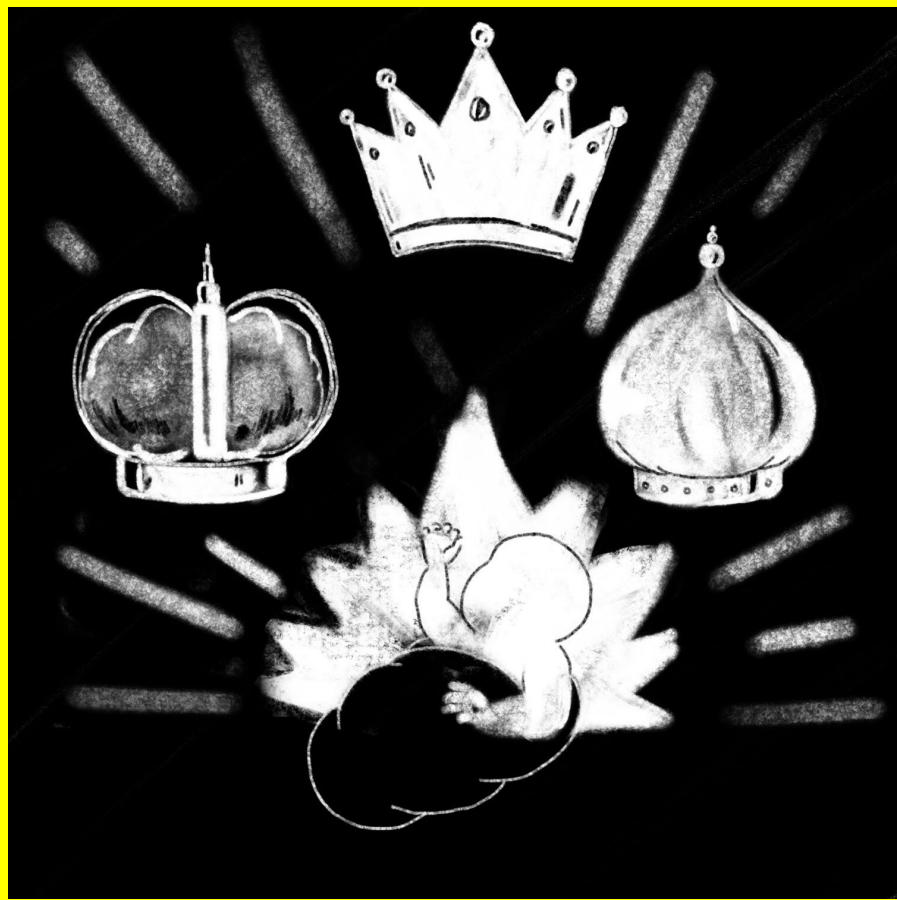


**The Fifth Sunday after  
the Epiphany  
Morning Prayer Rite II  
Sunday, February 7, 2021**



*E. Flake*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: There Is a Balm in Gilead**

**Sung by all**

**Opening Sentence**

*Presider* From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

**Confession of Sin**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*All* **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:  
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.  
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,  
while building walls between ourselves and others.  
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,  
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.  
We have tried to love our neighbors individually  
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.  
Forgive us, Holy God.  
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.  
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.  
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,  
united in our diversity,  
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,  
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.  
Amen**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**The Invitatory & Psalter**

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

*Presider*      The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

**Sung by all**

**The Psalm of the Day: 147:1-12, 21**

**Led by Tom Wool**

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*

    how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*

    he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted \*

    and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars \*

    and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*

    there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*

    but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*

    make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds \*

    and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*

    and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds \*

    and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*

    he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*

    in those who await his gracious favor.

Hallelujah!

*All*      **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Lessons**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**Read by Glenn Jussen**

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 word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**

**Here I am Lord**

**sung by Hirona Amamiya**

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

**Read by Deacon John Musco**

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.

The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Kimberlee Auletta**

**Canticle 11**

**The Third Song of Isaiah**

**sung by Motomi Tanaka**

**The Apostles Creed**

**said in unison**

**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 Offertory**

*We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:*

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

**Doxology**

**Sung by all**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Presider* And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264**

**Sung by all**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 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, forever. Amen.**

**The Prayers**

**Led by Alice Avouris**

God of wonder and mystery,  
God of the stars and the universe,  
God of winding ways and straight paths,  
we gather today with gratitude for the gift of your constant presence, your trustworthy guidance,  
and your daring risk-taking with us.

You dare to love us despite our inability to respond fully.  
You dare to care for us, despite our challenge in caring for others.  
You dare to walk with us, despite our fickleness.

On our own journeys toward the stars and guiding points you put before us, you continue to lead us forward, guiding us by the teachings of Jesus to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly in your loving shadow.

As we struggle with the political wrangling of this world, the wars waged for both justice and greed, the violence committed daily against the innocent, let alone the pain of broken relationships and loss, you remain steadfast in your care and devotion for your entire creation throughout the universe.

It is almost too much to take in sometimes.  
And even in our doubts and disbelief, our struggle to understand and constant misunderstanding,  
and our flat-out ignorance about your ways, you remain constantly present to us.

We pray for peace in this world, Lord, the kind of peace in which we celebrate diversity,  
are joyfully challenged by adversity, and share in the joy that is to be found everywhere.

We pray for those who are lonely,  
that you might lead us to reach out and be friends.

We pray for those who are hungry,  
that you might lead us to offer sustenance.

We pray for those who are lost,  
that you might lead us to give hope and direction.

We pray for those all who have died, that you will receive them into your loving arms, and comfort all who mourn for their loved ones.

We pray for the countries of the world,  
that we might find a way to work together to lift one another up.

We pray for our leaders in Washington, that your Spirit might guide them set an example for our country and the world to work together rather than against one another.

We pray for our country, that we may seek the places where we share commonality and seek to repair the divisions that are tearing us apart.

And we pray for ourselves, that we might continue on this journey, learning the lessons you offer, seeking the fullness of your perfection, and live as you would have us live.

Dear people of God, what else, and who else, should we pray for?

*\*\* Please give silence after each person speaks before you add your petition. If you do not have a petition or if there is too much background noise in your home, please mute yourself. You can also write your prayer in the chat.*

### **Collect of the Day**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*All*              **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

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.*

### **Epiphany Prayer**

From Howard Thurman

**When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.**

### **Concluding Prayer**

**Holy and everliving God,  
by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed;  
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and  
live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Benediction**

*Presider* 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: Immortal Invisible**                      **Sung by all**

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All*                      **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Time for Check-in**

**Parish Announcements**

**Lent** is fast approaching! **Ash Wednesday is February 17th.** Announcements about services will be made in the next week.

In the meantime, there is time to reflect on what **Lenten spiritual practice** you would like to engage in! To sign up, click on this Google Doc: <https://forms.gle/L793k7Uj76PfAvTY6> A full description of Lenten offerings went out this past week and will go out again. Lent is a good time to refocus and recenter our lives with God - and thankfully we can do that with each other, making the process and the journey a little easier.

**Save the date for Saya & Shawn's baby shower - Sunday, February, 28th** immediately after the 10am service. Interested in contributing to a gift? You can do so here:

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/sayas>