

# The Word of God

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENTRANCE HYMN *Bless'd Jesus, at thy word* (*Liebster Jesu*) (H 440)

### OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

**SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)* (S 280)**

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* 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.*

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST READING: *Isaiah 58:6-9a [9b-12]*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup>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?  
<sup>7</sup>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?  
<sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup>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.  
<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 112:1-9 (simplified chant)

- 1 Halleluiah! Happy are they who fear the | Lord; \*  
and have great delights in his com- | -mandments!
- 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 com- | -passion.
- 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 re- | -memberance.
- 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.

\* Halleluiah! Happy are they who fear the | Lord \*  
and have great delights in his com- | -mandments!

### SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 2:1-12*

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>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"—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### SEQUENCE INTROIT *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call)* (H 487, v. 1)

#### GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:13-20*

*Clergy:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"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.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SEQUENCE** *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call)*  
(H 487, v. 2 & 3)

**THE SERMON** (BCP p. 358)

**THE CREED** (BCP p. 358)

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (BCP Form III p. 387)

**CONFSSION OF SIN** (BCP p. 393)

**THE PEACE** (BCP p. 360)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

## **The Holy Communion**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**The Prayer of Saint Francis**

**René Clausen (born 1953)**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is injury, help me to pardon.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is darkness, let me bring light. Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy.

O Lord, master divine, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, and in pard'ning that we are pardoned.

For in dying we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.

- attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

**DOXOLOGY** *Old 100th* (H 380, v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
**EUCARISTIC PRAYER C** (BCP p. 369)

**SANCTUS** *Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)* (S 125)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (BCP p. 363)

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** (BCP p. 364)

**FRACTION ANTHEM** *Christ Our Passover* (S155)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**DISTRIBUTION** (BCP p. 365)

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. [Amen.]

**COMMUNION HYMN** *All who love and serve your city*  
(*Birabus*) (H 570)

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (BCP p. 365 or p. 366)

**BLESSING** (BCP p. 366)

**RECESSATIONAL HYMN** *How bright appears the Morning Star*  
(*Wie schön leuchtet*) (H 497)

**DISMISSAL** (BCP p. 366)

*All are warmly invited to join us after worship in our Upper Room  
for a luncheon for Fr John.*

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for St. Thomas Episcopal Church, North Charleston; The Rev. Matthew McCormick, Rector

**In the Parish Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for Gene & Carolyn Vereen.

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# **The Episcopal Church of the Messiah**

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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Today we Celebrate the last Sunday  
of Fr. John Sorensen's four-year ministry  
as Vicar at The Church of the Messiah

*The Holy Eucharist: Rite II*  
8 February 2026 AD, 10:00 a.m.



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Rev. John Sorensen, Celebrant  
Rev. Jim Craig & Rev. George Welles, Co-Celebrants



**Welcome!** We warmly welcome all who join us in worship and invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments & fellowship in the Upper Room. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to lift up yourself, family, friends, or circumstances fill out a prayer request card available on the Welcome Table and place in the red box. All requests are confidential.

Please let us know you visited by signing the visitor register in the back of the church so we may get to know you better.

**NOTES:** BCP is The Book of Common Prayer, the book with the gold cross. Feel free to quietly ask a neighbor for guidance if you are "lost" at any point during worship. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Let an usher or acolyte know prior to the start of worship if possible.