

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 7, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION

(sing twice)



Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Christ, Be Our Light" (ELW #715 vs. 1-2, 5)

**1 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.**

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

*The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (ELW #779 vs 1-4)

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| <p>1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.</p> | <p>3 Through many dangers, toils, and
snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.</p> |
| <p>2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!</p> | <p>4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.</p> |

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**OFFERING <https://onrealm.org/mplc/-/give/now>

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Savior teaches us...

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, forever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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