

Let your light shine before others

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Lectionary 5 Dove of Peace Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m.

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Lectionary 5 A

An asterisk (*) indicates that the assembly is standing

COVER ART

A photograph of a kersone lamp illustrates Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, piano

Prelude Aram Basmadjian (b. 1967)

Aram Basmadjian is an American concert organist who serves as Organist/Choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He has performed both nationally and internationally as a touring concert organist. Aram is also an experienced Airline Transport Pilot (ATP), an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, and a Gold Seal Certified Flight Instructor. He works as the Chief Flight Instructor at Lehigh Carbon Community College, an FAA-approved Part 141 flight school. He previously served as a captain for SkyWest airlines. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. **Amen.**



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Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

***G**REETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**









***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:1-12

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

A reading from Isaiah.

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. ²Yet 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. ³"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. ⁴Look, 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. ^bls 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? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,

and to break every yoke? ⁷Is 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? ⁸Then 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. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. ^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if 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. ¹²Your 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 112:1-10

The cantor introduces the refrain, which is then repeated by the assembly.



Psalm 112:4

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¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the Lord and have great delight in ¹ God's commandments! ² Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.
³ Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.
⁴ Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. REFRAIN
⁵ It is good for them to be gener- ¹ ous in lending
and to manage their af- ^I fairs with justice.
⁶ For they will nev- ¹ er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ ing remembrance.
⁷ They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹ in the Lord.
⁸ Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹ on their enemies.
⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ¹ fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.
¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and ¹ pine away;
the desires of the wick- ¹ ed will perish. REFRAIN

SECOND READING: | Corinthians 2:1-16

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

A reading from First Corinthians.

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

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

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For 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. ¹²Now 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. ¹³And 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.

¹⁴Those 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. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.



*GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The Holy Gospel According to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³"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.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In 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.

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes, "Lord in your, mercy," and the assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

After the final petition, the presiding minister concludes the prayers: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

After the assembly and the presiding minster exchange the peace, we share the peace with others. Please do not presume that shaking hands or other touch is suitable for everyone.

OFFERING

(In-person worshipers may place their contributions in the offering plate at the altar before or after worship.) www.doveofpeacetucson.org/donate

OFFERTORY

Dove of Peace Chancel Choir

This Little Light of Mine Arranged by Earlene Rentz (b.1956)

This African-American spiritual (See ELW 677), often sung by children, takes its theme from today's Gospel, and encourages followers of Christ of all ages to "shine all over the world."

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

*DIALOGUE

Setting Four



*PREFACE (Sundays)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.



***INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The assembly sits; those who wish to receive communion may approach the altar. Worshipers may stand or kneel at the altar rail; the bread wafer will be placed in your hand by the pastor. When the chalice is offered, you may dip the tip of the wafer into the wine, and then consume the wafer.

Verse in Phrygian Mode Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Henry Purcell was an English composer and organist who served as organist at Westminster Abbey and also as organist for the Chapel Royal. Purcell's contribution to music literature as a prolific composer of vocal, choral, and instrumental music established his place as the most prominent English composer until the twentieth century ushered in a time during which many of the celebrated composers of the day were English (for example, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Benjamin Britten, Edward Elgar, etc.).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

COMMISSION

Final reflections and announcements before God sends us out.

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

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EPILOGUE

Pamela Decker, piano

Fuga III in G minor George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

George Frideric Handel was born in Germany and later settled and worked in England (London). He composed in many genres: opera, oratorio, anthem, concerto, and keyboard music. His music was enormously popular in his time, often drawing sizable crowds of listeners to well-known venues.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine. **Thanks be to God.**

We appreciate our worship leaders and volunteers!			
	TODAY (FEBRUARY 5)	Next Sunday (February 12)	
Assisting Minister	Kathy Gabhart	John Hoelter	
Lector	Dianne Huston	Todd Scholer	
Cantor	Eric Holtan	Eric Holtan	
Organist	Eric Holtan	Pamela Decker	
Altar Guild	Dianne Thomas	Hildy Neilson	

Dove of Peace Support for the ICS food pantry

A message from your social ministry team Your generous food donations to ICS in the month of January totalled 61 pounds and is very much appreciated.

A special promotion, *Lotsa Pasta* is here. Throughout the month of February, ICS has set the goal of collecting 5,000 1lb. packages of pasta and and 5,000 24 oz. cans of pasta sauce. Many families will enjoy this meal.

ONE SERVICE at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 19.

Our "Mardi Gras" Jazz Service will be on Sunday, February 19. There will be no 9:30 a.m. service on that day.

Ash Wednesday Service: 12pm, Wednesday, February 22, 2023.



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