

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, February 8, 2023  
Epiphany 5**



**The Light of the World  
by William Holman Hunt 1852-1853**

Welcome:

CP 559 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you.  
By your gospel pure and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with your beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us,  
You must work all Good within us.

3 Glorious Lord, yourself impart!  
Light of light, from God proceeding,  
Open lips and ears and heart,  
Help us by your Spirit's leading.  
Hear the cry your church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises!

Gathering: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**To you all hearts are open,  
 All desires known,  
 And from you no secrets are hidden.  
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
 By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
 That we may perfectly love you,  
 And worthily magnify your holy name.  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Trisagion: Holy God,  
 Holy and mighty,  
 Holy and immortal one,  
 Have mercy on us. (3x)

Psalm 81 *Refrain:* We thank you, Lord, for your works are wonderful.

- <sup>1</sup> Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.
- <sup>3</sup> Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.
- <sup>4</sup> For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- <sup>5</sup> He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a voice I had not known:
- <sup>6</sup> 'I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.
- <sup>7</sup> In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- <sup>8</sup> Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- <sup>9</sup> There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
- <sup>10</sup> I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
- <sup>11</sup> 'But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.
- <sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.
- <sup>13</sup> O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!
- <sup>14</sup> Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.
- <sup>15</sup> Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last for ever.
- <sup>16</sup> I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.'

The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 8:12-20

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

<sup>13</sup> Then the Pharisees said to him, 'You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.'

<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, 'Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.'

<sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I judge no one.

<sup>16</sup> Yet even if I do judge, my judgement is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me.

<sup>17</sup> In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid.

<sup>18</sup> I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.'

<sup>19</sup> Then they said to him, 'Where is your Father?' Jesus answered, 'You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.'

<sup>20</sup> He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

CP 388 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2 See! The streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering --  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night, and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which God gives them when they pray.

4 Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the world's best pleasure,  
all its boasted pomp or show:  
solid joys and lasting treasures  
none but Zion's children know.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7163734 Light of the World

1 Light of the World Treasure of Heaven

Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky  
 Joy of the Father reach through the darkness  
 Shine across the earth send the shadows to  
 flight

3 Light of the world crown in a manger  
 Born for the cross to suffer to save  
 High King of Heaven death is the poorer  
 We are the richer by the price that He paid

2 Light of the World from the beginning

The tragedies of time were no match for Your  
 love  
 From great heights of glory You saw my story  
 God You entered in and became one of us

4 Light of the World soon will be coming

With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own  
 Through clouds He will lead us straight into  
 glory  
 And there He shall reign forevermore  
 forevermore

***Chorus***

***Sing hallelujah***

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***Sing hallelujah for the things He has done***

***Come and adore Him***

***Bow down before Him***

***Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World***

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**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.**

Healing Litany:

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers: Sandra...  
 Merle..... Mary..... Irene ..... Helen.....Tony and Mary Jean..... Bill.....  
 Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Lisa..... Marijke.....  
 Chrissie, Cathy, and the family..... Diane..... Janelle..... Rosemary..... Roald.  
 Let us offer our prayers for God's healing, saying, Hear and have mercy.

**Hear and have mercy**

Blessed Jesus, your Holy name is medicine for healing and a promise of eternal life

**Hear and have mercy**

Grant us your grace to heal those who are sick. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Give rest to the weary and hold the dying in your loving arms. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Help us to prepare for death with confident expectation of Easter joy. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Uphold those who keep watch over the sick. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Compassionate God, you so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fulness of your eternal life. Amen

Collect:            Merciful Lord,  
                          grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
                          that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
                          and serve you with a quiet mind;  
                          through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
                          who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
                          one God, now and for ever.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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,  
 the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 460 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
 In the midst of the darkness shining:  
 Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
 Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
 Shine on me, shine on me.

***Chorus***

***Shine, Jesus, shine;***  
***Fill this land with the Father's glory;***  
***Blaze, Spirit, blaze:***  
***Set our hearts on fire.***  
***Flow, river, flow:***  
***Flood the nations with grace and mercy;***  
***Send forth Your word,***  
***Lord, and let there be light.***

2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
 From the shadows into Your radiance;  
 By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
 Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
 Shine on me, shine on me.

***Chorus...***

3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
 So our faces display Your likeness;  
 Ever changing from glory to glory,  
 Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story,  
 Shine on me, shine on me.

***Chorus...***The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord, giving thanks for his living word.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**