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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant:	The Venerable Susan Oliver
Clergy:	The Reverend Armand Mercier
Preacher:	Dr. Jamie Hurlburt
Crucifer:	Ken Singleton
Readers:	Allison and Graham Fieldberg
Chalice Administrators:	Keith Spencer, Bruce Natrass, and Jamie Hurlburt
Prayer Scribe:	Peggy Wilmot
Sidespersons:	Malcolm Palmer and Lynda Phillips
Organist:	Joy Berg
Coffee Hosts:	Thomas and Allison Beck

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
George and Dorothy Turner from the Adamson family*

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude:

Opening Hymn: #465 Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

#702 Glory to God

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **R**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **R**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen **R**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.
Amen.

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9A

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. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "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. Look, 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. Is 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? 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? 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? 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. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. 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. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 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" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 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. 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.

Gradual Hymn: Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are a salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain:

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God.**

You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kingdom of God! **R**

You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the Kingdom of God! **R**

We are a blest and a pilgrim people: Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: Love is the Kingdom of God! **R**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew (5:13-20).

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "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. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 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. 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. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. 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. 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Refrain:

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God.**

Sermon:

Dr. Jamie Hurlburt

The Apostle's Creed

All: 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 Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

(Please stand)

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

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #613 We Lay Our Broken World

We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war and fear, oppressed by power and hate.

Where human life seems less than profit, might and pride,
though to unite us all in you, you lived and loved and died.

We bring our broken hopes for lives of dignity;
workless and overworked you love, and call us to be free.

We bring our broken loves, friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see that love must be reborn.

We bring our broken selves, confused and closed and tired;
Then through your gift of healing grace new purpose is inspired.

Come fill us, Fire of God; our life and strength renew;
Find in us love and hope and trust and lift us up to you.

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant: God of compassion and forgiveness,

**All: receive our offering this day, and make us one with him
who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

#722 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord, God of power and might
heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

#745 Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

The Communion

Those who wish to share in Holy Communion are invited to come forward.

Music during Communion

Choir: "The Light of the World" (Roe)

Prayer after Communion

(Remain standing)

Celebrant: Eternal God,

All: in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #573 O Day of Peace

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers, and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love
delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands
our hearts from envy find release
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Postlude:

<p><i>Readings for Next Sunday</i> <i>Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15:20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9;</i> <i>Matthew 5:21-37</i></p>

This week we pray for: Diocese of Ottawa: the Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop. Officers of the Diocese of Edmonton: Lois MacLean (s. Richard Rand), Chancellor; Robert Reynolds (s. Ritu Khullar), Vice-Chancellor; Mark Alexander (s. Amanda), Registrar and Solicitor; John Gee, Secretary to Synod; Armand Mercier (s. Carol Anne), Safe Church Coordinator. Buyé Diocese, Kirima Parish: Emmanuel Habindemyi, Rector. Métis Nation of Alberta.

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Announcements

Sacramental Preparation

We will be offering classes for the following age groups this winter/spring:
Children 6-9 years old: Life in the Eucharist
Youth 10-14 years old: Confirmation
Please contact Rev. Armand at armand@christchurchedm.ca to sign up and/or with any questions.



February 12th, 2023 please join us in the parish hall for our Annual General Meeting following the 10:00 a.m. service.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports of 2022 and to determine the budget for 2023. All baptized parishioners who are at least 16 years of age and who attend services of worship regularly at Christ Church or who receive the administrations of the clergy of the parish and who have not voted at an Annual Meeting of parishioners of any other parish this year are entitled to vote.



Ash Wednesday February 22nd
12 noon BCP Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes
7pm BAS Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes.

2023 Lenten Learning and Fellowship

The person who loves those around them will create community. Bonhoeffer

Tuesday, February 21st at 5pm is the annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. We will be serving our delicious pancakes, including gluten free, with ham, sausages, and our famous blueberry sauce. Please join us for pancakes and fellowship – bring your family and friends along. Thanks to the Men’s Group for co-ordinating and serving the dinner.



Saturday, March 4 at 10am

Join us at Grovenor Skating Rink for games, skating, activities, and adventures.



Tuesday, March 7 at 7pm

Join us for an evening of learning and conversation:

A Conversation about Courageous

Community

Friday, March 17 at 5pm

Bring your favourite dish and come out for an all ages evening of fun and fellowship for our St. Patrick’s Day Day Potluck.



Sunday, March 26 at 4pm

Bring a snack to share and your favourite game to play. From cribbage to bridge, from Scrabble to Scattergoires, we will have something for everyone! Let’s get together and play at Parish Game Night.

Tuesdays in Lent starting on March 14 at 7pm

Join us via Zoom as Archdeacon Sue leads a series on Bonhoeffer's seminal book, *Life Together: The Classic Explanation of Life Together in Community*. Please email the parish office (admin@christchurchedm.ca) to register and receive the link to this intentional learning and sharing experience.

Thursdays in Lent starting March 2 at 7pm

The COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine have starkly reminded us of the realities that threaten our future of the planet. Christian faith is not a way of escaping these realities, but of engaging them in the struggle for justice and peace—motivated by love, enabled by faith and sustained by hope.

We will be exploring these ideas together through a study of the book, *Faith Facing Reality: Stirring Up Discussion with Bonhoeffer*. This series will be led by Dr. Stephen Martin and will take place in person at The Anglican Parish of Christ Church. To register, please email the church office (admin@christchurchedm.ca) by Feb. 24. The cost of the registration is \$40 and will cover the cost of the book. Space is limited to 15 people. Funding available to cover the cost of registration if needed.

There will be a screening of a movie about the life of Bonhoeffer on Sunday, February 26 in the afternoon for those interested.

Save the Date

Diocese of Edmonton Children's Choir Performances

- March 5: Holy Trinity (Old Strathcona) morning worship
- April 2 (Palm Sunday): St. Faith's morning worship
- April 30: Spring Concert at All Saint's Cathedral in the evening

Messy Church

- May 12 at 5pm at The Anglican Parish of Christ Church

The First Annual Christ Church Pentecost Parish Olympics

- Sunday May 28 after services

The Christ Church Picnics at Camp Van Es

- Sunday, June 25 (Summer Kick Off)
- Sunday, September 3 (Summer Wrap Up)

Christ Church Vacation Bible School

- August 28 to September 1 (8:30am to 3:30pm)