

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



***10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist
Sunday, February 8, 2025***

“Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation”

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, let's pray together the Collect for Purity:

**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.**

Please Stand

Hymn: Come and Fill our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace
You alone, O Lord, are holy
Come and fill our hearts with your peace
Alleluia! (Repeat)

WELCOME

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

GREETING

Rev. Oz: 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.

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king,

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

**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.**

**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.**

Hymn: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu-, Alleluia

Please be seated.

**Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in
prayer.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Rev. Oz 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.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 58:1-9

Reader: A Reading from the book of Isaiah

“Cry loudly, do not hold back;

Raise your voice like a trumpet,

And declare to My people their wrongdoing,

And to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet they seek Me day by day and delight to know My ways,

As a nation that has done righteousness

And has not forsaken the ordinance of their God.

They ask Me *for* just decisions,

They delight in the nearness of God.

³ ‘Why have we fasted and You do not see?

Why have we humbled ourselves and You do not notice?’

Behold, on the day of your fast you find *your* desire,

And oppress all your workers.

⁴ Behold, you fast for contention and strife, and to strike with
a wicked fist.

You do not fast like *you have done* today to make your voice
heard on high!

⁵ Is it a fast like this that I choose, a day for a person to
humble himself?

Is it for bowing one’s head like a reed

And for spreading out sackcloth and ashes as a bed?

Will you call this a fast, even an acceptable day to the Lord?

⁶ Is this not the fast that I choose:

To release the bonds of wickedness,

To undo the ropes of the yoke,

And to let the oppressed go free,

And break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to break your bread with the hungry

And bring the homeless poor into the house;

When you see the naked, to cover him;

And not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸ Then your light will break out like the dawn,

And your recovery will spring up quickly;

And your righteousness will go before you;

The glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;

You will cry for help, and He will say, 'Here I am.'

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord

and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house,

and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending **and to manage**

their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours;

their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink,

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor,

and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.

Second Reading – 1st Corinthians 2:1-16

Reader A Reading from 1st Corinthians

And when I came to you, brothers *and sisters*, I did not come as *someone* superior in speaking ability or wisdom, as I proclaimed to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. ³ I also was with you in weakness and fear, and in great trembling, ⁴ and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of mankind, but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; ⁷ but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory; ⁸ *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; ⁹ but just as it is written:

“THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,
AND *WHICH* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HUMAN HEART,
ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”

¹⁰ For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who among people knows the *thoughts* of a person except the spirit of the person that is in him? So also the *thoughts* of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God. ¹³ We also speak these things, not in words taught by

human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.

¹⁴ But a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But the one who is spiritual discerns all things, yet he himself is discerned by no one. ¹⁶ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel – Matthew 5:13-20

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by people.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor do *people* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not presume that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the

smallest letter or stroke of a letter shall pass from the Law, until all is accomplished! ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever nullifies one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰ “For I say to you that unless your righteousness far surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Please be seated.

THE SERMON – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Please stand

THE NICENE CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**People: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:**

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel or sit to pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Invitation to Confession

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Rev. Oz: 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.**

Rev. Oz: 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.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Rev. Oz: The peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you.

Please stand.

Offertory

Hymn: By Your Hand

By your hand you feed your people,
food of angels, heaven's bread.
For these gifts we did not labor,
by your grace we have been fed.

REFRAIN

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life out-poured,

given as a living token of a world redeemed, restored.

In this meal, we taste your sweetness,
bread for hunger, wine for peace.

Holy word and holy wisdom,
satisfy our deepest needs. REFRAIN

Send us now with faith and courage,
to the hungry lost bereaved.

In our living and our dying,
we become what we receive. REFRAIN

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Oz: God of compassion and forgiveness,
receive our offering this day,
and make us one with him who is our peace,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.

People: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Oz: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Rev. Oz: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Rev. Oz: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Rev. Oz: Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of heaven and earth;
by water and the Holy Spirit
You have made us a holy people
In Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread

and wine and nourish us,
to show forth your glory
in all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the holy people who have
served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim
the glory of your name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Rev. Oz: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,

he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Rev. Oz: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,

the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

Rev. Oz: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Rev. Oz: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;

whoever believes in me will never thirst.

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good;

Happy are they who trust in him

THE COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

If you would like prayer during this time, the Prayer Ministry is available by the font

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel

or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. You may receive communion at either the front or at the rear of the church, when available. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

Options at the altar rail: the common cup to your left, bread and wine mingled together to the right.

Hymn: Come to the Table of Mercy

Come to the table of mercy
Prepared with the wine and the bread
All who are hungry and thirsty
Come and your souls will be fed

Come at the Lord's invitation
Receive from His Nail-scarred hand
Eat of the bread of salvation
Drink of the Blood of the Lamb

Hymn: One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

vs. 1

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. Refrain

vs. 2

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all. Refrain

vs. 3

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one for all. Refrain
Please stand and sing.

Post Communion Song

Hymn: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: Eternal God,
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.

People: Amen.

Rev. Oz: Glory to God,
**People: 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.**

THE BLESSING

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn: Be Thou my Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor world's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

DISMISSAL

Leader: God has reconciled us to Himself.

People: **Let us go forth as ministers of His
reconciliation. Alleluia.**

Prayers of the People – February 8, 2026

James wrote, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b)

OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights & Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

The Right Reverend Shane Parker, Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

The Most Reverend Sarah Mullally, Archbishop (elect) of Canterbury

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

In our Diocese

St. Peter, Calgary

The Rev. Bonnie Luft

The Rev. Rob Petkau

The Rev. Dcn. Rosemary Bishop

In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands

Christ-the-King with St. Francis, Carriacou (carry-a-koo) on Grenada, The Ven. Michael Marshall

Holy Trinity, Castries with St. Mary La Caye, on St. Lucia

The Ven. Christian Glasgow

The Rev. Dcn. Oneka Morgan

In the Anglican Church of Canada

The Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The dean, council, and congregations of the Ottawa, Ottawa Valley and Seaway Areas of the Eastern Synod

Together

For a growing openness to dialogue and encounter with people of other faith traditions during World Interfaith Harmony Week

The Moravian Church

The dean, council, and congregations of the Two Rivers, Nith Valley and Niagara

Areas of the Eastern Synod

OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III; Prime Minister, Mark Carney; Premier Danielle Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark; Councillor Ted Clugston
Redcliff Mayor Chris Czember; Councillor, Dwight Kilpatrick

OUR CITY CHURCHES

Bridge Church, Pastor Dave Maneschyn

OUR PROVINCE

Prayers for all Albertans living without housing or struggling with addictions.

New Story is a non-profit organization that helps indigenous women become self-sufficient within the support of a strong Christian community.

OUR WORLD

Please pray for Christians everywhere they are being persecuted by the governments of countries for following Jesus.

OUR PARISH

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec
Nigel & Toby Pimblett, Dottie Platzer and Bev Price
Compassion Canada & Teguh in Indonesia, Jerusha in Ghana
The GriefShare Program

Parish Council

The Saturday Meal Program

The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED*

Anne and Ric; Colleen and Philip; Betty Lou; Mike; Win; John and Grace; Carol & Family; Catherine & Family; Laura and their families

If you or anyone you know would like prayer, call the Office at (403) 526-7713



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Our Mission is Glorifying God as
Agents of His Reconciliation.

"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself -
and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."
2 Corinthians 5:19

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We give thanks for the service of these people this morning:

Celebrant	Reverend Oz Lorentzen
Lay Reader	Warren Sandham
Prayers of the People	Val Browne
Music	Carolyn
Reader(s)	Janice Andres & Sharon Hogg
Greeters	Billy & Twyla Yasinchuk
Bread/Wine Presenters	Sharon Hogg & Val Trotter
Sound Board	Alan Deans
Lock-up	Steve Gloin
Offering Counters	Munden Coates, Steve Gloin & Darcee Wong
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Snow Removal	Steve Gloin